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Special Town Meeting approval overwhelming Voters: Yes for youth center

By Rebecca Piro

When it came time to vote for the youth center proposal Tuesday night at Special Town Meeting, Youth Services Director Bill Fahey saw hundreds of people get to their feet in a solid wave of support.

"When I turned around and saw more than 93 percent of the people standing up for it, it was great," said Fahey, who saw a 1995 youth-center effort fail by just 63 votes. This time there was no such trouble.

As supporters clapped and hollered, residents overwhelmingly passed Article 11 by a vote of 841 to 70. The youth center was by far the most discussed issue on the floor of the Collins Center.

Article 11 grants selectmen permission to enter into an agreement and lease with a private entity, namely the Andover Youth Foundation, which proposes to build a cen-

ter on town land with private funds. AYF has promised to raise \$4 million to fund the project, construct the center behind West Andover Fire Station and finally return the land and the new facility to town ownership for operation and maintenance.

Article 10, which changes the use of the designated property from a dumping ground to general municipal purposes, was also passed by a wide margin.

Residents slogged through heavy rains and flooded parking lots to fill the Collins Center Tuesday night, cheered on by several youth holding signs to support Article 11, despite the inclement weather. A section of the Collins Center was filled with resident non-voters, mostly those too young to vote.

"My windshield wiper broke on the way over," laughed AYF member Peg Campbell. Yet it was that type of unwavering support

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Photo by Tim Jean

Bill Fahey, youth services director, and Selectmen Chairman Brian Major, wearing a "got youth center?" shirt, celebrate Tuesday's youth-center victory after Special Town Meeting.

With BOH backing mosquito vote flies

By Rebecca Piro

Residents put their trust in town health officials and passed Article 13 Tuesday night, reserving Andover a spot in the Northeast Mosquito Control District next spring.

The motion passed by a two-thirds majority at Special Town Meeting in the Collins Center. Approval authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three-year contract with the district.

The Health Department had submitted the article because of a potentially serious threat of West Nile virus next spring and summer, according to Health Director Everett Penney. Three dead crows found in Andover had tested positive for the disease since October. Despite that evidence, selectmen had recommended disapproval of the article, because they said did not have enough information about the health hazards involved with mosquito control.

Time was a big factor in Tuesday night's vote, with both sides arguing over whether it is better to act now or wait until annual Town Meeting.

"The selectmen believe there is nothing to be lost by waiting, and perhaps there will be some real gains if we wait to vote in the spring," said

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GOING ALONG JUST SWIMMINGLY



Photo by Tim Jean

Thanks in part to Holly Hinos, Andover swimmers popped up winners in the 200-yard medley relay on Saturday and beat 19 other teams at the MIAA North Sectional Meet. More sports, page 35.

State OKs Dracut power plant site Power-struggle win

By Adam Groff

In a defeat for the Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board last Thursday voted unanimously to give final approval to the location of a proposed 750-megawatt, natural-gas-fired power plant in Dracut.

The plant will be built near the Methuen border and within a mile of Andover.

Nickel Hill Energy plans to purchase from quarry owner Brox Industries Inc. 25 acres, on which it will build the facility. The site is ideal from Nickel Hill's point of view, as it is close to the New England power grid, natural-gas pipelines, and the Merrimack River, from which water could be drawn for cooling the plant.

The site is much less than ideal, however, from the point

of view of the Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment. Thursday's decision was a setback for the MVRE, whose president and attorneys have spoken before the siting board in an effort to get last month's provisional approval overturned.

"In my estimation, no reasonable person could make that board recommendation," said Sheryl Poole of Andover, MVRE president. "They (Nickel Hill) misrepresented this plant to the people of Dracut and the people of the Merrimack Valley just so they could get it in there."

The argument of the MVRE and other groups like it is that the Merrimack Valley already bears, in Poole's words, "a disproportionate burden" of the total pollution and environmental degradation in the

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Honor extended — Rain did not keep Andover residents such as Dorothy Volker from participating in Andover's Veterans Day ceremonies Saturday. For more photos, see page 21.

Resident preaches spiritual diet

Praying off the pounds

Tried everything in the book to lose those last few pounds?

Andover resident Roselle Heckendorn suggests you turn to a different book — the Bible, more specifically — to replace your dependency on the refrigerator with a dependency on God.

A couple of years ago, Heckendorn herself was looking for a way to lose and keep off weight she had gained during her pregnancy.

Rather than turn to a traditional diet program, Heckendorn found a way to lose weight through worship.

The Weigh Down Workshop, an international program based in Tennessee, changed Heckendorn's opinions about dieting permanently, and replaced her frustrations with a fulfillment that she says comes from a higher being.

"It just takes your focus off food and (puts it) onto God," says Heckendorn.

Heckendorn will facilitate a 12-week Weigh Down Workshop, hosted by Free Christian Church and BrookRidge Community Church, starting Monday, Nov. 20 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at BrookRidge, 16 Haverhill St.

For \$103, participants will receive a study guide with scriptures and watch videotapes to find the root of each individual's overeating problem, says media representative Rob Scobey.

"A lot of times people overeat out of boredom or (a need) for comfort," says Heckendorn. The Bible-based program is different than regular diets, because its participants learn how to refocus their energy and keep the weight off, rather than losing weight and then gaining it all back, she says.

It's not just religious people who attend the sessions, says Heckendorn. Often, people who have yo-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Early deadlines

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Townsman will be published one day early next week, resulting in early deadlines.

All general school, entertainment, social and business news intended for consideration in next week's *Townsman* must be submitted by tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m.

No Stephanopoulos

Because of his national network commitments and the current presidential election situation, George Stephanopoulos' scheduled lecture at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College has been postponed to Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. For more information call 837-5117 or 837-5121 next week during business hours.

Correction

Due to an error in the Andover Police Department's log, the paper's police log incorrectly reported an incident as happening at West Elementary. Police say the log should have stated that on Friday, Nov. 3, at 1:13 p.m., a West Middle School employee at the guidance office reported that a student received a threatening letter in her locker.

Web question

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: Selectmen recently voted against police-recommended parking restrictions on Maple Avenue, despite the advice of officials that the street will be unsafe for motorists without them. Should selectmen have the power to override public safety recommendations?

Feaster Five deadline, starting line looms

As Andover's Thanksgiving tradition, the Feaster Five Road Race enters its 13th year, Race Director Dave McGillivray is predicting 8,000 people will participate and that \$100,000 will be raised.

This year, all net proceeds will again benefit Lazarus House and Home Health VNA. Racers can raise additional money by participating in a pledge program.

Racers and walkers may be motivated by guilty pleasures, too, such as getting the long-sleeve T-shirts that are given to the first 6,000 participants who register, or the apple pies that are handed to everyone who finishes the race.

This year's Feaster Five will start at 8:30 on Thanksgiving morning at Brickstone Square, near Shawsheen Square. Participants must pay a \$20 entry fee and can choose to run or walk either 5 miles or 5 kilometers. Race-day entries will be accepted.

There is also a children's event, called the "Kid's K," starting at 8 a.m.

Registration and number pick-up for the Feaster Five will be held Nov. 20, and 21, from noon-7 p.m., and Nov. 22, from noon-6 p.m., at the Ramada Rolling



Green at 311 Lowell St. There will be an additional registration session at Woodworth Motors, on the corner of Route 28 and Route 133, 7-8:15 a.m. Nov. 23 (race day). Online registration and other information about the race is available via the Internet at <www.mvstriders.com>.

For the first time this year, participants also will be assigned a ChampionChip computer chip that they will affix to one of their running shoes. Electronic mats will be placed at the start and finish of the race, so when a racer crosses the finish line, the computer chip will record his or her score accurately.

As of Tuesday night, with 41 people responding, it seemed the majority of voters believe selectmen should not override police decisions. While 16 people answered "yes," 24 answered "no." One person answered "other."

This week's question is: Should the town buy the Reichhold brownfield site to help meet the town's passive and active recreation needs? Surf to <www.andovertownsman.com> to cast your vote.

Calling all Nutcracker kids!

► The *Townsman* will publish a listing of local students who are performing in *The Nutcracker* on Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Holiday Gift Guide.

Parents or dance instructors who would like to provide write-ups and photos for this story must submit them to the *Townsman*, Attn: Nutcracker, by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

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NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 16

Community access monitor training on the regulations of the Architectural Access Law and the Americans with Disabilities Act, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chelmsford town offices.

Commission on Disabilities, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Government Review Committee, town offices, second-floor conference

room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17

Strategic Planning Task Force, school administration building, second floor, 7:30 a.m.

Board of Registrars, open overseas election ballots, town clerk's office, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 20

Sanborn School Council, media center, 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health, town offices, second-floor confer-

ence room, 6 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m. Televised.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

Preservation Commission, town offices, second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Redistricting Task Force, town offices, school committee room, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, town offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

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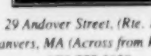
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'Jeez, when I vote, I'm really, really careful to (punch) the right one! I check my dots. It's not confusing.'

Debbie Lane, operator of the Andovers Gift Shop, polled Tuesday afternoon for her reaction to the presidential stalemate and ballot recounts. (Story, pages 8 and 9.)

'This land will be occupied. Reichhold is selling the property. It's not that if we don't buy it, the property will remain fallow.'

Conservation Commission Chairman Don Cooper, stating that if the town does not purchase the Reichhold Chemical property off Lowell Junction Road, an outside developer probably will. (Story, page 16.)

'Finally! It's going to happen. I went nuts. I was jumping off the walls!'

Adam Edelstein of Russett Lane, after watching an overwhelming majority of Special Town Meeting approve the youth center proposal Tuesday night. (Story, page 1.)

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yoed through diet after diet are willing to try anything, she adds.

"When you follow (God's) principles, the reward for doing so is losing weight. There's an

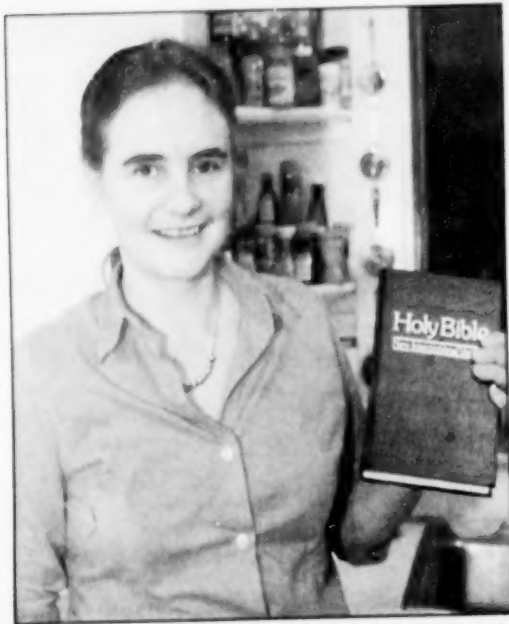


Photo by Tim Jean

No heavy lifting — Roselle Heckendorn with the key to her weight-loss program.

eternal reward that comes with it, which is a home in heaven," says Scobey.

— Rebecca Piro

GLAM hits girl scene

There is a new force for the liberation of young women at Andover High School, and it is called GLAM, the Girls' Leadership Action Motivator.

Student cofounder Megan Pinksten explains that the group is designed to provide a forum for girls who may need a little encouragement to come out of their shells. "It's to get girls to participate in activities they might not feel comfortable doing if there were guys around," she says.

GLAM's first public, though girls-only, event will occur on Saturday at the Andover High field house from 2 to 4 p.m., and it has been dubbed Chicks' Challenge.

The challenge will involve a variety of physical activities, from running the ropes course behind the school to team-building activities such as "trust falls," where a person voluntarily falls backward into the arms of another person or people.

Pinksten explained that while the ropes course is a standard part of physical-education classes, some girls are reluctant to participate because they are shy or fearful. In a support-

ive, all-female environment like Saturday's event, said Pinksten, those same girls might have more success.

Pinksten said that GLAM got started at the beginning of this year when she and another student, Shannon Sweeney, were approached by teacher Mary Robb with the idea of forming a girls' student organization. Pinksten and Sweeney, both athletes and active in the community, were enthusiastic.

Pinksten said that there are currently about five girls at the core of the organization, as well as Laura Oda-chowski, a health teacher at Bancroft Elementary. The group has been meeting once a week since the beginning of fall semester, and Saturday's event is the fruition of their early organizing activities.

GLAM, which is open to girls from all high-school grades, plans to hold an event each month. Future activities, said Pinksten, may include a Sadie Hawkins dance, in which girls invite boys, a shopping trip to Kittery, Maine, and a panel discussion in which female AHS graduates who are now professionals talk about being a woman in the workplace.

Later in the year, the girls want to organize a meeting between GLAM members and eighth-grade girls to talk about the transition from middle school to high school.

— Adam Groff

Award feast for Feaster Five director

Dave McGillivray, director of Andover's Feaster Five Road Race and the Boston Marathon, was presented with the prestigious "Race Director of the Year" award by Phil Stewart, president of Road Race Management, Inc. and sponsored by *Running Times Magazine*. The award, given to the world's outstanding race director of 2000, was given at the group's annual race director conference held in Washington, D.C. last weekend.

McGillivray, 46, was honored for his race direction of the annual Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K, held last August in Cape Neddick, Maine. The race was a longtime dream of founder Joan Benoit Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic marathon gold medalist. In only three years, the race has gained an international following and the respect of the world's most elite marathoners.

"This award represents the pinnacle of my professional career," McGillivray. "The success of Beach to Beacon is to be shared by everyone who contributes to the event, from the volunteers who direct parking, to the athletes themselves who make the race so exciting."

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Willoughby will be

Approval of the subdivision called Willoughby Estates, to be located off Prides Circle near Abbot Street, has been granted with reservations, said Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller.

The board initially rejected the subdivision proposal three years ago, unhappy with developer John McGarry's plan to extend the dead-end of Prides Circle into a 21-acre subdivision with 13 housing lots.

But land court rejected the board's decision last August, ordering the board to hear the proposal again and forbidding it to deny McGarry a permit for any of the concerns used the first time around, such as the transformation of a dead-end street into a throughway.

"We felt compelled to do it, because the court... ordered us and it seemed we were very much restricted. Anything we had already taken into account (to deny the project), the court had already deemed inappropriate," Miller said.

The board approved the project on the conditions that the planned, complicated drainage system be fully built and operational before further construction was started, and that a homeowners' association would maintain the upkeep of the detention basins, Miller said. The board also stated that McGarry must "keep his promise" and give seven acres to AVIS to keep as open space, he added.

—Rebecca Piro

Residents turn out against housing plan

By Adam Groff

The Zoning Board of Appeals Monday night agreed to a continuation of the hearing to consider Joseph Zagarella's application to build low-income housing units at the corner of Lowell Street and Wildrose Drive.

An estimated 200 residents from the surrounding neighborhood turned out in opposition to the plan, which will be examined again by the board on Jan. 22.

"Their application is basically incomplete," said Planning Director Steven Colyer, who also opposes the plan and who spoke at the meeting. "The only people he (Zagarella) brought with him were his attorney and his architect, so we couldn't get answers to a lot of our questions."

Colyer said that he and the zoning board are currently working on a list of documents that they would like to see the developer submit before the January meeting.

"My main thing is to be treated fairly," said Zagarella. "I understand their (the residents') concerns, but you have to look at the whole picture. Andover has only 9.03-percent low- to moderate-income housing. That's not a lot."

There are three possible outcomes to this process, explained Colyer, adding that it could extend beyond the next meeting. The zoning board could either approve the application, they could approve it with conditions, or they could reject it.

In either the second or the third case, Zagarella would then have recourse to the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee, which would essentially arbitrate between the developer and the zoning board, said

Colyer.

Fitz Granger, whose property abuts the proposed site, and who initiated the 360-signature petition outlining area residents' objections to the project, was pleased with his neighbors' presence at the meeting. "I was happy with the turnout by our residents in support of our cause. Everyone conducted themselves very professionally," he said.

Granger and Colyer, who are working separately on this issue, both denied opposing the notion of low-income housing per se. "We (the residents) are not against the public housing issue," asserted Granger, "but there are too many units proposed for this small a space." The proposed housing would comprise 16 units in three buildings on the plot, which is less than one acre in size. "If he were building this on five or 10 acres, we'd be fine with it," said Granger.

"What do you think 10 acres of land is worth in Andover?" asked Zagarella in response to this suggestion. "If I did that, it wouldn't be low-income housing anymore. People who make below a certain income are being priced out of this town. People who grew up here have to move away because they can't afford to stay."

In response to concerns about traffic, Zagarella pointed out that there is currently a 52-child day-care center on the site, run by his wife.

"That's 52 parents dropping their kids off and picking them up every day. The new housing wouldn't create that much traffic," he said.

Granger stated that there is not very much traffic from the day-care center now, and that it looked like "a lot less than 50" children were housed there.

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Selectmen eye more walks, less back talk

By Rebecca Piro

If all goes well, Public Works Director Jack Petkus would like to see designs begun this fall for the renovation and expansion of more sidewalks.

But after an uproar on Maple Avenue where residents rejected parking restrictions, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major wants to make sure the sidewalk plans are understood before securing town money and breaking ground.

Sidewalks are included in the new Capital Improvement Plan, a five-year projection that attempts to budget the town's future funds and needs. Sidewalks are something both residents and town officials have been requesting for years, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says.

"The first priority is safety for the children, but we want to encourage recreational walking," he says. "We want senior citizens to have a safe place to walk. (Sidewalks promote) disability access, and (they slow) vehicular traffic."

The town will decide whether to approve \$600,000 for the master sidewalk plan at spring Town Meeting, but Major

wants residents of the targeted streets to know what is involved before they vote.

Maple Avenue was one of the first streets to receive granite curbs and grass planting strips in October. But when residents realized that the new curbs reduced the width of the paved area on their street, they protested loudly against police insistence that Maple Avenue was no longer safe for both two-way traffic and parking.

For five weeks, selectmen and Maple Avenue residents haggled over designs for parking restrictions, traffic calming measures and no-parking signs. Selectmen finally threw out the entire no-parking proposal with a 3-2 vote against it.

Major doesn't want to see that happen again. "It's a precedent in which our (police) cannot protect the safety of our citizens and the people who travel through our community. That's an awfully dangerous precedent and one that this town should never get into again."

To ensure that town officials are not faced with conflicting cries from residents and police in the future, public

input for next year's designs is a must, he adds.

"Before a sidewalk goes out, there has to be a meeting with neighbors about whether they want to give up parking," says Abby O'Hara of Central Street. "I think there should be much more flexibility where people can decide within reason what they want in their neighborhoods."

The town could manipulate the language of the warrant article to provide that flexibility, says Major. The streets targeted for the \$600,000 could be listed in terms of priority, but if an agreement could not be reached between the town and residents by construction time, troublesome streets could be pushed off, he says.

"Either the agreements are in place or we skip over the street," he says. Residents have favored the town's attempts to construct sidewalks within a mile of each school, but have questioned why other areas have not been targeted



Photo by Tim Jean

No more — Problems with no-parking signs on Maple Avenue have led selectmen to walk a new walk on sidewalks.

earlier, and whether sidewalks should be installed in a more orderly fashion. Selectmen Ted Teichert and John Hess, members of the sidewalk sub-committee, will compile residents' comments and mark suggestions on a master plan, says Major. The plan will then come back to the board for further review.

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Historic farmhouse will move, in time

By Rebecca Piro

Pearson Farmhouse may get off the ground later than developer David Barrett had hoped, but the cold weather won't stop him from jacking up the house and moving it down the street sometime next month, he says.

Having received approval from the Department of Environmental Protection this week, Barrett is now waiting to complete the transfer of ownership with Phillips Academy, so he can move the historic farmhouse a few lots down to 305 South Main St.

If a volunteer had not stepped forward, PA would have razed the house, built by Joseph Pearson in the 1860s, because it stands in the way of a double hockey rink facility PA plans to build.

Barrett originally planned to move the house in early November. But it took him extra time to secure a permit from DEP, which gives him permission to install a tight tank on the new lot to hold sewerage until the house can be connected to the town's future sewer system.

The Mass. Historical Commission also sent a letter to DEP, urging it to approve

Barrett's project for the preservation of the farmhouse.

Barrett plans to restore the classic colonial to reflect its historical time period, and will new siding, a new kitchen and bathroom and fresh paint.

Barrett hopes to sell the renovated home to new residents of Andover, who will be responsible for connecting the house to sewer as soon as it is available.

Phillips Academy was waiting on DEP's approval for the move and the



David Barrett

town Planning Board's approval on their hockey-rink project before completing the sale papers, says PA Facilities Director Michael Williams. Now that both approvals are official, PA will finalize the details of the transaction, he adds.

"We hope it's soon, because I know that now that (Barrett) got his permit, he wants to move forward, and we do too," Williams says. The school

plans to sell Pearson Farmhouse to Barrett for \$1. Barrett's new goal for the move is Dec. 1.

Board gives check mark to Phillips hockey rinks

By Rebecca Piro

After many months of hearings, the Planning Board recently gave the go-ahead for two hockey rinks at Phillips Academy.

The board approved Phillips Academy's two hockey rinks with 23 conditions that Chairman Michael Miller said weigh equally the school's ambition and the neighborhood's concerns.

Several neighborhood residents had hired a lawyer to argue their concerns regarding traffic, safety, noise and visual pollution, and the hours of operation.

With those concerns in mind, the board reserved the right to review the volume of traffic going in and out of the rinks after the first rink is opened. A traffic engineer will compare the results with PA's original projected volumes.

"If those supplemental counts show an increase of more than 10 percent over the projected maximum traffic volumes, then the board has the right to convene a public meeting to see what, if any, mitigation measures should be required," said Miller.

The board required that PA wait to pave 50 of the 200 parking spaces to see if they are necessary, he said.

Activity during the earliest and latest hours of operation - 6

to 7 a.m. and 10 to 11 p.m. - will also be observed. If rink traffic and noise proves to be harmful to the neighborhood, the board reserves the right to possibly restrict Phillips from renting to the public during those hours, Miller added. Andover's building inspector will also review the rinks one year after area is landscaped to ensure adequate screening is maintained, Miller said.

Phillips Academy and the group of concerned residents, called the Neighbors of Phillips Academy, have 20 days to appeal the decision after the planning department files the approval with the town clerk. The decision was filed last Thursday, Nov. 9, said PA Director of Facilities Michael Williams.

The Neighbors' lawyer, Ray Miyares, said that he met with the group to discuss the decision, but declined to comment further. Tom Childs, a resident representative of the Neighbors, could not be reached for comment.

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Continue center talks

Andover Tuesday convincingly approved giving land to a private group so it can build a youth center, to the delight of many youth and adult residents at Special Town Meeting.

But in the giddiness following the youth-center success, responsible residents must not consider the center a done deal. The decision to give land to the Andover Youth Foundation is just the beginning of a string of decisions the town must make.

First, residents and businesses must decide what kind of support they'll offer the fundraising effort. Even for an experienced fundraiser like AYF's Tom Jones, raising \$4 million will require the continued support of the community.

Second, residents must heed the Finance Committee's warning about coming budget problems, and turn away future projects not seen as vital to the community interest.

Finally, Andover must decide if indeed this facility will be a youth center only, or if it will be something more.

Several people both inside and outside of Tuesday's meeting talked about the possibility that the proposed youth center could become a facility that serves more than just youth.

Currently, senior groups are continuing their efforts to turn Williams Hall, a dormitory at Phillips Academy, into the town's new senior center.

But if Council on Aging members believe the Will Hall option will not succeed, or want to be a part of a combined facility in West Andover, they owe it to their constituents to make that decision soon.

If there is interest by both age groups, discussions between youth and senior groups should begin immediately to see if the groups can share a facility without detracting from each other's programs.

With the Collins Center, existing safety center and Andover High School, Andover has a history of building facilities that residents view with some regret.

It would be another mistake for town residents to begin building a youth center, and then decide shortly thereafter that they really want a combined facility.

Admittedly, the Andover Youth Foundation says it plans to build a youth center that could accommodate the addition of a senior-center wing. But it seems likely that if architects know before construction begins that the facility definitely will need areas for both seniors and youth they may be able to create a more favorable design, geared to the specific needs of Andover residents of all ages.



Photo by Tim Jean

On its way — Workers had tied up this year's Brickstone Tree Wednesday morning, and were preparing to truck it over to Brickstone Square, where it will be decorated like a Christmas tree. The tree, taken from a Methuen woman's yard, was expected to arrive in town after *Townsmen* deadline. Thousands of people flock to see the tree and the related Santa's Village, petting zoo and carousel each year. The tree will be lit Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Word on the street: Presidential election

Historic hubbub has everyone talking

In light of an election that was still too close to call as of presstime Wednesday, the *Andover Townsman* hit the streets to find where the support lies in town.

We asked people not only who they support for president, but also how they feel about the electoral college, state-varied ballots, and Florida's decision to recount.

Here's a sample of the opinions on Main Street Tuesday:

"Jeez, when I vote, I'm really, really careful to (punch) the right one!" exclaims **Debbie Lane**, operator of the Andovers Gift Shop. She says she has no patience for voters who punched their ballot incorrectly. "I check my dots. It's not confusing."

Hand-recounts that some counties in Florida are utilizing are subject to human error just as the machines are subject to error, Lane says. "Everyone's falling asleep doing the manual recounts," she says. But despite its problems, the electoral college is a crucial part of U.S. democracy.

"I'm all for the electoral college.



Debbie Lane: Check your "dots," ballot not a challenge.

(Without it), all those states with a small population like us would mean nothing," she says.

But American voters are not the ones to blame for the political mess, says **Brendan Sullivan of Vine Street**. The ballots should be a standard, easy format to eliminate the potential for confusion.

"To avoid this situation again there should be uniform ballots across the United States," he says.

"Florida is a lesson to everybody."

That lesson may signal citizens that it's time for a change in terms of the electoral college, he says.

"We need to refine (and) change the way we elect people. We need to update the system," Sullivan says.

It doesn't work when the popular vote swings one way and the electoral votes go the other, he adds.

"Everyone likes you, but you lose. I don't think that's right," he says.



Brandon Sullivan: Standardized ballot needed.

Resident **Peter Kattar of McKenney Circle** disagrees.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with the system. The (recounts) in Florida seem to be nec-

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Letters

A vote to redo ballot

Editor, *Townsmen*:

What I find most frustrating is that many arguments people are talking about fail to address the following point, the most important point facing the country at this moment.

Many individuals are saying that the issue of a confusing ballot is not a new one, that voters have been confused in the past and that votes have been discarded since the beginning of time. What I say is *this* is a problem. Plain and simple, a confusing ballot and the discarding of votes is a problem.

This problem needs to be addressed and has been brought to the forefront due to one of the closest elections in the last 100 years. It is precisely because it is so close that we can't just sweep it under the rug. There is a flaw in our election system that must be addressed and remedied. We have not had to deal with it in recent times because it just didn't matter. But *now* it matters, plain and simple. The time has come.

The framers of our constitution surely wanted us to improve our society and our laws. Not for one moment do I believe they felt we should simply stay in our 1776 clothing, ideology and law. The law is alive and changes as need be. Many simply do not want change or improvement. They are perhaps fearful of the truth in this case.

To this end, ballots need to be developed that are not confusing. Voting is *not* simply a right of the educated or the intelligent. Voting is a right of all. We must prepare for the lowest common denominator. Morally and ethically this is what must be. We must seek to minimize the need to discard votes. The fact that so many votes are routinely discounted is new to millions of us watching

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Son's signs gives man sign that process still works

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Election Day 2000, 6:30 a.m. The alarm goes off, and the placards and voting paraphernalia sit on the kitchen table: "Stop Cruelty to Animals," "Vote YES on Question 3." Showered and dressed, Jeff, my 16-year-old, is ready for the polling booths.

We drive to the high school, arriving at 7 a.m., and are met at the entrance by five adults, all carrying signs, "Vote NO Question 3." Jeff looks at me with a sheepish smile, realizing he's outnumbered. "Oh, great! I can't believe they're here."

With a heavy sigh, he gets out of the car, puts on the homemade sandwich board espousing his views, formulated following months of volunteer work at the MSPCA, and begins to experience the political process.

For the last several weeks, our house has been abuzz about so many issues. Who's smarter, Bush or Gore? Who's more likable? Who would be the better president? Will the House go Democrat? Is a vote for Nader wasted? What will our Supreme Court look like in four years?

There have been previous elections discussed in our household, but none more intensely so than this one. Our 13-year-old got involved in the act, too - reading John McCain's



Caryn Wilson and Jeff Sandman try to rally support at the polls. Though Andover voters approved, by a small margin, Question 3, which sought to ban dog racing, as a whole, state voters rejected it.

book, visiting political Web sites.

Election Day 2000 started with bright sunshine and smiling faces in the polling booths. I noticed people were more courteous than normal on the roads.

America was doing something remarkable, something that comes along every few years. We were passing the torch, but we were doing so peacefully.

Sure, the previous few weeks saw a little nastiness, but whether it's

Bush, or Gore, or Nader, our government will change hands without any fists thrown or guns fired.

In the polling booth, there are eight questions. What's the significance of the tax cut? Should felons vote? What to do about dog racing? I fill in the little holes, check out and return to the car.

As I exit, from a distance I see Jeff standing alone with signs in hand, waving to the electorate. A couple of hours later, when I pick him up, he still has his spirit, undaunted by the opposition's strength.

Question 3 will probably fail, the other side having greater resources but no greater commitment.

Today felt remarkable, not just because we will elect a new president peacefully but because my son took a first step in becoming politically involved.

He is starting to find his political voice, starting to feel passionate about something to actually take political action.

For all the special interests and big money that infiltrate our political world, sometimes the process is raw and innocent and pure. Sometimes a kid with a sign and a smile restores one's faith.

Richard Sandman
Spencer Court

World of opinion right on Main

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essary," he argues.

As a citizen who voted for Bush, Peter Kattar is only impatient with the amount of time it is taking for a resolution. "I think it should have been resolved much sooner than (it will be)," he says.

His daughter, Zahia Kattar of Shawsheen Road, isn't so sure the system is foolproof.



Zahia Kattar:
Party politics at work?

"It's funny that all the recounting is happening because the Democrats (have fewer popular votes in Florida)," she says.

Jamie Bateman of Post Office Avenue says she's learned just how important it is to get out and vote.

A senior at the University of Massa-



Peter Kattar:
Recount necessary, but quick resolution also needed.

chusetts Lowell, Bateman missed her opportunity to register this fall, therefore missing her chance to vote for the next president - and now she says she's more upset than ever that she missed this historical election.

"It shows now that your votes do count, and I feel sorry that I didn't vote," she says. While Bateman finds the stalemate infuriating, it's presented her with a close and detailed look at the flaws and operations of American

democracy. "I don't really know much about the system, but since this has come about, I'm learning more," she says.

Compiled by Rebecca Piro.
Photos by Tim Jean.



Jamie Bateman:
Learning from the process.

Comparing the vote

HOW CLOSE WAS IT?

300

Number of votes, in all of Florida, by which George Bush is leading Al Gore.

568

Number of votes, in just Andover, by which Al Gore is leading George Bush.

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4.46

Approximate percent of Palm Beach County voters who voted for more than one candidate.

.018

Approximate percent of Andover voters who voted for more than one candidate.

HOW MANY "OVERVOTES" FOUND?

19,210

Number of the 431,000 or so Palm Beach voters who selected more than one presidential candidate.



3

Number of the 16,500 or so Andover voters who voted for more than one presidential candidate.

Florida numbers according to published reports on Tuesday. Unofficial Andover numbers are as of Monday. Both prior to the final overseas ballots, due Friday.

LETTERS

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this process unfold, and everyone I talk with (Republican and Democrat alike) is appalled by that revelation.

Many businesses must operate catering to the lowest common denominator and we should certainly expect no less from our government. What saddens me the most is that in the last several days we have seen a sort of contemptuous venom coming out on the part of many people towards what they are calling "not very bright" voters. That saddens me terribly.

There for the grace of God go I. How wonderful that you are smart, how wonderful that you do not have problems filling out forms and punching cards. How sad that you do not have compassion for those who do have trouble.

How sad that you are willing to simply throw these people out with the trash. How sad that simply because they do not have the "wherewithal" they should not be considered. That premise, that contention, is frightening, Orwellian and certainly not democratic.

There is discussion about a democratic process being compromised. How unbelievable, how pompous. What is being done is precisely the democratic process and frankly a duty, a duty by many of us to protect the rights of those less fortunate, less able. It is only by doing so that we carry the torch of trying to elevate society as a whole. Many people are saying that voters had chances to ask for help or seek a new ballot. Unless one has walked a mile in another's shoes, don't pass judgment. Can you imagine how humiliating it must be to stand in a voting booth and feel completely incompetent and then try to do your best. Many in Palm Beach County say vehemently that they did try in vain to get help or a new ballot. They say there were not enough staff members, and that many told them they could not have another ballot.

The argument in favor of simply throwing away these 19,000 votes can be analogized to the plight of the physically

disabled. According to this way of thinking, people who can't physically make it into the voting booth should be disqualified too, then. Following this argument, we should not make provisions for disabled individuals to vote. We would never do that though, would we. Neither should we for those who have a more difficult time understanding things. By passing the American Disabilities Act we were moving society forward, elevating society as a whole — making everyone's lives better. When a group of people who are suffering have been helped and are happier, society as a whole is happier. The same should be employed in this situation. When all individuals can have access to buildings enabling them to truly enjoy life and contribute to society, we are all truly *able*. When *all* individuals can vote because they have been given a straightforward ballot, have things explained as need be while voting, can obtain a new ballot if they make a mistake, have enough people on hand to help, and finally have their vote count, then and only then, are we all *truly* free.

I respectfully request that any issue of contention around the country be investigated and remedied as need be. I am not afraid of the outcome. If it turns out that Mr. Bush wins legitimately, so be it. If it turns out that Mr. Gore wins legitimately, so be it. Any discrepancies in any close state should be investigated, and specifically the voters in Palm Beach County, Fla., deserve to vote again. Only those who are afraid of the outcome could possibly oppose this.

Susan E. Simons
Meadow View Lane

Principle of the thing

On page 19A of your Nov. 2 section there appears, in a headline, "Public schools: Principle numbers."

Typos have a way of creeping into what one knows well. Who has not typed "24" (or something similar), only to discover the next morning that, during the night, elves from the Black Forest had paid a visit and playfully (as they are wont to do) rearranged the digits so as to read "42."

However, in the above cited headline,

it's a matter of "principle."

And, while I am in the process of "making friends and influencing people," let me also point out that while in your comic strip (and maybe that in itself was a hint not to take its content too seriously) of Sept. 14, page 18, the given relation: "Velocity=Mass x Acceleration," does not match Newton's Second Law of Motion, nor does it equal its own RHS. In fact, even a superficial dimensional analysis would show that the given relation equates the proverbial apples to oranges. Even if done tongue-in-cheek, this type of poetic license cannot be beneficial to those whose basic scientific knowledge is still in the formative stage.

Leo Rute
Burton Farm Drive

AHS band is rigorous...

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Hats off to the Andover High School Marching Band, and their director, Brandon Psenicka, for bringing home the first place trophy in the season's final New England Scholastic Band Association competition.

In last week's letter, Tom Boshar got it right. The marching band is truly a "team," and it is my opinion that it should be treated as one and given the coverage it deserves from the *Townsmen*. The *Townsmen* does an excellent job covering high school sports, and although the marching band is not a traditional sport, the training is certainly as rigorous.

The band begins its practices in July, then works intensively at band camp for four days prior to the start of school. Between September and November the band practices 10 hours per week and devotes another 10 hours to football games and competitions. For this they earn a varsity letter, and, if anyone thinks that this union of the arts and sports is not as demanding as its more traditional counterparts, they should try playing a musical instrument while precision marching for several hours at a time.

I hope to see more press coverage of this remarkable organization in the future, perhaps near the many pictures

and pages of articles devoted to the football team and other fall sports.

Louise Valteau
166 Summer St.

Support should be, too

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Sunday, Nov. 5, the Andover High School Marching Band, under the leadership of Brandon Psenicka, placed first in the New England Scholastic Band Association Finals for Division 1 schools. This incredible achievement is a testament to the long hours, hard work and dedication of the band members and their leadership.

This title has been held for seven consecutive years by the perennial favorite, East Bridgewater. Winning this championship must be classified as an "upset" in the truest sense of the word. You should be very proud of your representatives from Andover High School.

As one of the many band parents who helps to load, unload and move the equipment on and off the field (a mule, if you will), I have seen first-hand the equipment supplied to the bands by other school systems, as well as our own. You would not believe the difference. Much of Andover's equipment is literally held together with duct tape.

Hardly a week goes by that one piece or another isn't taken home by a parent to be repaired in the basement shop to get through the next event. Believe me, this is in sharp contrast to the equipment of every, and I mean every, other city and town represented in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, and New Hampshire.

Please support Andover's marching band during its performances at the football games, parades, Veterans Day ceremonies, etc. Also, please support your band with your dollars at its fundraising activities to help it remedy this deplorable situation.

Andover residents should be very proud of their band — and embarrassed by its equipment. The Powers That Be should be embarrassed to have let this situation deteriorate to its current state.

Peter Spollett
Boston Road

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Education

Teaching: 'It's about making a difference in the lives of people'

By Adam Groff

Ellen Keith says she has always liked working with kids — and in four years that's just what she'll be doing.

"They fascinate me," she says of kids. "They're so active and interested in whatever they do. It gives me a different perspective on myself and what I'm doing."

What Keith is doing now is studying to be a teacher at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., with a little help from the state.

A 2000 graduate of Andover High School, Keith is a recipient of a Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship, part of a program developed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to encourage high-school students to pursue teaching careers. Recipients receive tuition assistance for four years of college leading to teacher certification. In

return, they agree to teach for four years in a Massachusetts public school.

"The program is designed to recruit the best and the brightest for teaching," says Clantha McCurdy, BHE associate vice chancellor.

The state legislature established the program in 1999, and this past summer the list of eligible institutions with teacher-certification programs was expanded to include private colleges and universities. McCurdy says the program, which received \$2.7 million in funding for fiscal year 2000, has received 700 applications this year. The scholarship covers full tuition for four years at a state college or university; students selecting private institutions are awarded amounts equal to the highest amounts paid to students at public schools. McCurdy says that this year that amount is \$5,212, the equivalent of two

semesters of full-time tuition at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

"This program gives us the chance to promote teaching as a rewarding career, and to change the image of what teaching does for a person professionally," says McCurdy. She says that because teaching is not as lucrative as many professions that students aim for these days, the Board of Higher Education needs to remind people of the nonmaterial rewards that teaching offers.

"There are a number of benefits in terms of what a person is able to give to a child. It's about making a difference in the lives of people, it's about giving to the community," she says.

The board is mailing scholarship applications next week to Massachusetts high-school seniors who rank in the top 25 percent of their class, the cut-

off for academic eligibility. Priority is given to students who express a desire to teach in a geographical area of the state where there is a documented teacher shortage, or who desire to teach in an academic subject area where there is a teacher shortage. McCurdy says that for the last decade, those areas have included math and science, as well as foreign language. Special education is another chronically needy area, she adds.

Andover's Ellen Keith is trying to decide between teaching reading or English as a second language. She is uncertain about what grade she wants to teach, or where; but after all, this is only her first semester.

She says that the scholarship money has been an unexpected surprise, because she was granted the award before private schools were eligible destinations. But she was so attracted to the education pro-

gram at Stonehill, she says, that she decided to go there anyway. During the summer, she received notice that private schools had been added to the list and that she would therefore receive the money after all.

Along with praising the expansion of eligible institutions, Keith says that the application for the scholarship was very straightforward in comparison with other applications with which she had to wrangle last year. Of the 500-word personal statement that was required, she commented, "If you're interested in teaching, you really wouldn't mind writing about why you want to be a teacher."

The Tomorrow's Teachers Scholarship Program is administered by the state Office of Student Financial Assistance. More information can be found on its Web site at <www.osfa.mass.edu/teach>.

Dragon's Lair 2000 celebrated

The formal dedication of Bancroft School's new playground, Dragon's Lair 2000, took place Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12.

The playground was dedicated to the memory of Yogan C. Patel, a beloved student at Bancroft who died of cancer in 1998. The dedication ceremony included a formal recognition of the Patel family's \$40,000 project-saving donation in memory of their son Yogan; recognition of other major donors; unveiling of the sign; a ceremonial ribbon-cutting; and light refreshments served in the cafeteria.

Since its construction in late September, children have been playing and enjoying Dragon's Lair 2000, thanks to the Bancroft community; which included mostly parents but also teachers and other friends such as the Phillips Academy crew team.

Some finishing touches were completed on Saturday, Nov. 4, such as the spreading of more ground cover, additional grading to reduce water puddling, the re-installation of the swings, and the installation of the new sign, benches and trash cans as well.

The Bancroft School PTO Fundraising Committee and Playground Committee worked for over a year to raise the approximately \$100,000 needed to build the new playground to replace the decaying Dragon's Lair, through school fundraising events, outreach to the larger business community, and the \$40,000 donation from the Patel family. After the Patel family's gift was announced, the final push for funds took on new energy as donors were inspired by their generosity.

The Rogers Foundation contributed \$5,000, local businesses made donations, and an additional \$10,000 was raised by selling engraved bricks, which will be laid near the entrance to the playground.



The new, improved Dragon's Lair 2000 (at left) was made possible by the Patel family's \$40,000 donation, in memory of Yogan Patel, Chiman and Joshna's late son. Nileshe is Yogan's brother.



Nileshe Patel, Yogan's brother, cuts the ribbon marking the official opening of Dragon's Lair 2000 on Sunday.



It's a hit — Emily Ishihara is already familiar with the rings on the new playground.

Photos by Tim Jean

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Thirteen students from Andover High School received the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award.

Based on their 1998 MCAS scores, approximately 4,700 Massachusetts public high school seniors were eligible to apply, and 1,100 applications were received.

This year, 860 students received this prestigious award and, of those students, 190 received tuition waivers to attend Massachusetts public colleges and universities.

The 13 students from Andover High School who received the Certificate of Mastery are: Britta M. Anson, Joshua C. Coates, Brian J. Galluzzo, Rachel S. Greer, Matthew A. Jaracz, Alexis R. Kassan, Matthew W. Libby, David W. Mason, Patrick E. McCabe, Alyssa T. Saunders, Alex D. Shkolnik, Gregory Stamm and Michael R. Wallace.

Six of those students attend

Massachusetts state universities where they receive tuition waivers. Those students are Britta Anson, Joshua Coates, Matthew Libby, David Mason, Patrick McCabe and Gregory Stamm.

Brendan G. Griffin of Andover, Class of '01 at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, was recently named as one of the 24 Commended Students in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program at the school.

Sarah Hillman, daughter of Carol Hackett of Andover and Robert Hillman of Dedham, is attending the University of Delaware.

Hillman graduated with distinction from Noble and Greenough School in

Dedham.

Hillman was this year's recipient of the Nash Medal for Executive Ability and a co-recipient of the Grandin Wise Award for Community Service. Throughout her time at Nobles, Hillman made a big commitment to the community service program, including serving on the Comm Serve Board, where she was responsible for planning and coordinating school-wide service opportunities. She did the

largest number of hours of community service of any student at Nobles, including work for City Year, N.I.C.E. Daycare, Habitat for Humanity, the Boston Home, and the Stamp Out Hunger Food Collection.

Hillman also organized the bake sale at the Nobles AIDS Art

Sale, raising more than \$600 for AIDS research, and promoted blood donations when the Red Cross Bloodmobile came to campus.

Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield recently announced that senior Jeffrey Tompkins of Andover has been named a Commended Student in the 2000 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A delegation of junior high students from Tennessee, California and Andover was selected by the People to People Student Ambassador Program to visit the United Kingdom, and the Republic of Ireland during the summer. The students participating from Andover included Sam Adams from West Middle School.

The student ambassadors spent about three weeks learning about the government, economy, and culture of England, Ireland, and Wales

through activities such as briefing at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and trade officials, site visits to the headquarters of international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs.

Delegations received an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance. The delegation traveled to London, Dublin, Cardiff, York, Killarney, Eastbourne, Cork, Liverpool, and many other cities.

As part of their overseas experience, student ambas-

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Sam Adams



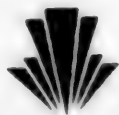
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Elementary schools

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Tuesday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, hot dog with puffs, baked chicken nuggets, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: EARLY RELEASE, NO LUNCH.

Thursday: NO SCHOOL.

Friday: NO SCHOOL.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Raviolis with salad, nachos with cheese sauce, stuffed crust pizza with salad, apple-crisp, corn, and milk.

Tuesday: Egg McMuffin with cheese, two hot dogs with puffs, baked chicken nuggets, potato puffs, peaches, and milk.

Wednesday: EARLY RELEASE, NO LUNCH.

Thursday: NO SCHOOL.

Friday: NO SCHOOL.

Secondary schools

Monday: Chicken broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta with meatballs, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Tuesday: Two hot dogs, stuffed crust pizza, bologna or ham sub with cheese and toppings, pasta ilio olio with roll, fruit, veggie, and milk.

Wednesday: EARLY RELEASE, NO LUNCH.

Thursday: NO SCHOOL.

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Menus subject to change.

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SCHOOLTALK

Sanborn School is again busily preparing to deliver food baskets to Andover's senior citizens. This project was started 22 years ago by three Sanborn parents originally from England. The tradition of delivering food and a visit by school children to the senior citizens during the holiday season is a long-standing tradition in England.

Sanborn will be delivering gift baskets to their senior friends on Friday, Nov. 17 at **Andover Commons, Marland Place, Wingate Nursing Home**, and to those who receive **Meals on Wheels**.

"The Harvest Festival has been so well received this year, we anticipate our total deliveries to exceed 300," organizers said.

"The Sanborn community is up to the challenge and busily preparing to meet those needs of our senior community. We are assembling gift bags consisting of baked goods, fresh

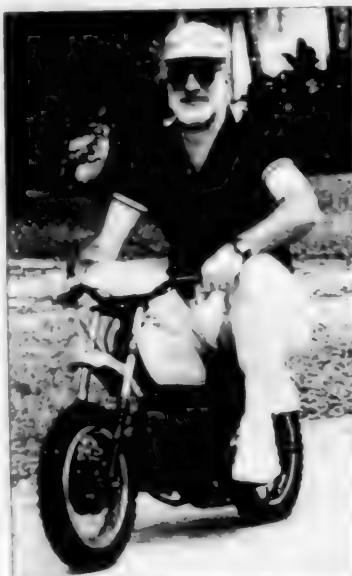
fruit, Jello, pudding, candy, a plant, a bookmark, stationary, stamps and cards, all created by the children."

Sanborn fifth-graders deliver the bags to the seniors and stay for a brief visit with each one. All grade levels are involved in the preparation of the bags, as well as Brownies, and Girl and Boy Scouts.

An additional facet of this project is a Harvest Festival assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Children will sing and perform with the event centered around the theme "Harvest and Giving." Andover's senior citizens and nursing home residents are transported to Sanborn for the event.

Visitors are treated to refreshments and enjoy meeting the students and staff.

A new workshop will be offered from **Parent to Parent**. "Who's the Boss? Surviving Power Struggles with Teenagers."



Born to be mild — Parent to Parent's Dec. 5 workshop leader Howard C. Wolfe.

What can you do when your teen is increasingly more stubborn, bossy, hurtful, defiant and inflexible? How can you cope when you're feeling

annoyed, hurt, frustrated, overwhelmed, and defeated? Power struggles with our teenagers can sometimes lead to deeply hurt feelings and revenge that can permanently damage our relationships. The goal of this workshop is to help parents understand why teenagers react negatively to authority and to provide ideas about how to reduce conflicts.

The following issues will be discussed:

- What do teenagers hope to achieve from power struggles.
- The four goals of power struggles.
- Why do I fight more with the child that I am (or was) closest to?
- Ineffective responses to conflicts.
- Strategies for heading off conflicts.
- When you are in the middle of a power struggle — how to find the way out.

Workshop leader **Howard C. Wolfe**, MA, LMFT, is a

licensed marriage and family therapist specializing in helping children with family, school and behavior problems. He has almost 30 years of experience with youth issues and education. In addition to his speaking engagements, Wolfe provides training and consultation to local, state, and national youth programs.

He has a private practice in Arlington.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

► Tuesday, Dec. 5
(snow date: Tuesday, Dec. 12)

► 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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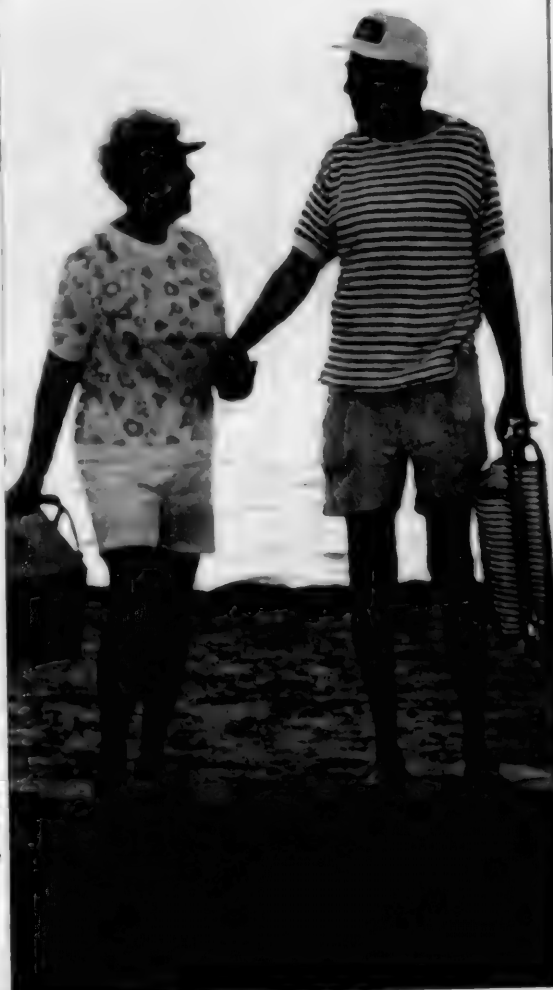
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BLACKDOG

32 local teachers named to Who's Who's list

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics... their former students.

Thirty-two local teachers are named in the sixth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000*, and are among the 114,000 teachers being honored. They were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*, publications which recognize 5 percent of the nation's high school and college students respectively.

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level. One student wrote about her teacher, saying "she made education something pleasurable, instead of a dreadful ordeal by letting me spread my wings and showing me the best way to fly."

Local educators honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000* include:

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Academy of Notre Dame High School
Doherty Middle School
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Andover High School
Andover High School
Phillips Academy
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Phillips Academy
Middlesex Community College
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LOCAL SCHOLARS

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sadors had home visits with host families. Host families included their American guests in everyday activities, enabling the student ambassadors to gain a firsthand understanding of the ways people live and work in other cultures.

The following students at **Phillips Academy** were named as semifinalists in the 2001 National Merit Scholarship Program that recognizes high scholastic achievement. Some 7,900 winners will be selected next spring.

Students from Andover are: **Pybunghyun Ahn '01**,

son of Sung Wook and Imkyoung Ahn; **Michael Ashley-Rollman '01**, son of Swan Ashely of Andover and Charles Rollman of Sudbury; **Rebecca Dann '01**, daughter of Ronald and Carolyn Dann; **Adrea Lee '01**, daughter of Clement and M. Estella Lee; and **Kelsey Peterson '01**, daughter of Scott and Frances Peterson.

Andover High School announced that **Benjamin Davis**, **Olivia Lietermann**, **Melanie Shaw** and **David Wholey** have been named Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

These students scored within the top 1 percent of all juniors taking the PSAT.

Finalist selection is based on academic performance, SAT scores, a student essay, and school recommendation.

Twenty-two Andover High seniors have been named Commended Students: **Melissa Currier**, **Erin Daly**, **Timothy Galebach**, **Adam Gardner**, **Rose Grabowski**, **Catherine Hough**, **Michael Huang**, **Robin Karfunkel**, **Andrew Park**, **Emily Pfeil**, **Matthew Rosensweig**, **Nicholas Schade**, **James Sherman**, **Patrick Sullivan**, **Andrew Timko**, **Hiroyuki Toyoda**, **On Tsang**, **Kira Ventura**, **Brett Weiner**, **Eugene Wen**, **Rebecca Wolk** and **Lesley Yen**.

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News

Brownfield may become playing fields, if Andover puts up the greenbacks

Town considers turning Reichhold site into open space

By Rebecca Piro

Residents shouldn't be surprised if they see the Board of Selectmen paddling down the Shawsheen River in a canoe sometime soon.

Selectmen are planning a bit of a scouting expedition, and may return with the plan to buy land Andover can turn into playing fields and passive recreation space.

Specifically, selectmen plan to don life jackets for a sailing surveillance trip, hosted by Open Space Committee Chairman Jerry Bird, to view 46.7 acres of land that once housed Reichhold Chemical.

The Reichhold site, off Lowell Junction Road, consists of three parcels and is divided only by railroad tracks and the Shawsheen River.

"It has the potential for wonderful river recreation, canoeing, hiking and fishing, and it's excellent for wildlife habitat," says Peggy Keck, vice president of AVIS.

Buying the land could also help the town reach a goal set by the open space committee back in 1997 for 13 new ball fields, says Bird.

The property is covered by rolling fields and scenic river frontage.

But it is also weighed down by one of the town's most infamous environmental histories.

Health Director Everett Penney has said that when the site was still operating, more than 10 years ago, workers

used to find goose feet stuck atop the building in a sticky residue left by emissions there.

Former Assessor Bill Krajewski once said of one of his visits to the then-closed facility that "it was one of the scariest places I can ever remember being in."

Bird admits the land has a poor reputation, even though production of resins at the plant halted 10 years ago.

"The (site) is not in good shape, but it is coming back," Bird says. The town would require that Reichhold bring the site up to environmentally safe standards, by eliminating all ground water and soil contaminations. "We're not interested in acquiring anything that is a mess," he adds.

Reichhold is already several years into its clean-up operation.

"They are in stage four (the final stage) of remediating," says Conservation Commission Chair Don Cooper. "They are probably not more than a year away from finishing."

Buying the land is included in the fiscal year 2002-2006 Capital Improvement Plan, a plan that looks four years ahead to plan for major projects costing more than \$15,000. The CIP calls for potential acquisition of the property next year, fiscal year 2002.

Though the proposal is in its earliest



File photo by Carol Van Doren

Net gain? — Andover is considering buying a former brownfield site and turning some of the land into playing fields to help serve the growing number of youth athletes, including lacrosse players. Some land would also be used for passive recreation, such as hiking.

stages, Reichhold has offered to sell the land to the town for \$3.6 million. The town's assessor estimated the property value at \$3.3 million, says Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski.

In 1998, the site's value was considered to be \$1.27 million, though the assessor expected that figure to skyrocket once the clean-up was complete.

Officials say there is more than one way for the town to pay for the land.

"The Conservation Commission has over \$2 million in their fund. We could (ask) youth sports to help with some of the funding, and we could get grants. Our goal is to cut the price (to taxpayers) down substantially," Bird says.

However, Conservation Commission dollars can be used only for land designated for passive recreation, Cooper says.

Several residents at the CIP hearing Monday night expressed enthusiasm for the plan.

"The more open space we can achieve in this town the better it will be," says resident Mary Carbone of Cyr Circle.

Chris Huntress, a Tewksbury Street resident who lives near the site, agrees. "I'm very enthusiastic; this is a great opportunity."

"I think it's one of the most exciting opportunities that has come along and is apt to come along," says Selectman Mary French.

If the town does not seize this property, someone else — very likely, a developer — probably will, says Cooper.

"This land will be occupied. Reichhold is selling the property. It's not that if we don't buy it, the property will remain fallow," he says.

Bird planned to meet with Reichhold representatives this week to discuss terms and conditions of the proposal.

Special Town Meeting overview: Rusty water issue, bills

By Adam Groff

At Tuesday night's Special Town Meeting, Andover residents enthusiastically voted to approve a proposed youth center, as well as approving inclusion in a regional mosquito control district and a small host of "house keeping" issues. Five of the 14 articles on the meeting warrant were withdrawn, and the meeting, which began at 7 p.m., was finished within two hours.

Perhaps half of the meeting was taken up with discussion, largely laudatory, surrounding the youth center proposed by the Andover Youth Foundation (see page 1; facing page). Less discussion surrounded the mosquito control issue (see page 1), and the votes on the other seven articles seemed to be largely pro forma exercises.

As the first order of business, it was unanimously agreed to withdraw Article 14, concerning recodification of the Andover Zoning Bylaw, because the Planning Board determined after legal consultations that the bylaw is not ready for presentation. The board intends to continue the review process and solicit public comment until the annual Town Meeting in the spring.

Copies of the bylaw are available at the Community Development and Planning Office or on the Internet at www.town.andover.ma.us/plan.htm.

There was unanimous agreement to approve the first article on the warrant, an appropriation of \$500,000 from the water capital reserves fund to replace water mains in the Brookfield Road area, where rust has been appearing in residents' water for several months. Selectman John Hess and Public Works Director Jack Petkus spoke in favor of the measure.

Article 2, an unpaid town bill of less than \$7,000 was resolved without comment.

The next four articles were all streets from the Fieldstone Meadows development that are not ready to be laid out, and so those articles were withdrawn. Meadow View Lane (Article 7) and Ashbury Lane (Article 8), however, were accepted without comment.

Unanimous approval of Article 9 transferred 2.6 acres of largely wetland on Orchard Street from the town to the Conservation Commission.

Approval of Article 10 transferred the triangular 6.3-acre land parcel at



Photo by Tim Jean

Packed House — Nearly 1,000 voters attended Special Town Meeting.

Greenwood and Chandler Roads to the Board of Selectmen for "general municipal purposes." That land happens to be the site of the proposed youth center, which was addressed by Article 11.

After the youth center was approved, Town Moderator Jim Dougherty urged

the assembly to remain for the final orders of business rather than leave after the feature presentation.

The great majority acquiesced, and Article 12, providing for a sewer easement at Alpine Drive, passed easily.

Youth center has land, needs cash

that carried Article 11 to victory, she added. "It was so awesome that people came out in the worst weather in the world!"

Not everyone shared in Campbell's fevered excitement, however. Some Andover officials shared their misgivings with the audience before the vote.

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden explained why FinCom members recommended disapproval of the article.

"We became more and more uncomfortable with the incomplete and inconsistent information available. We simply don't believe (the operating cost) is going to be \$100,000 to \$200,000," she said. "If there is a need for a Proposition 2 1/2 override, Town Meeting should know that now before it votes. (We would like) to withhold approval until the details are worked out."

Selectman Mary French maintained that the site for the center needs more time and more research.

"We are contemplating a major and mighty important project. If we need to take just a little more time to get it as right as possible, then we should take that time," she argued.

But the few who voiced opposition to the project — supported only by a handful of voters — did not dampen the youths' exhilaration fol-



Photo by Tim Jean

Look here — Foundation member Tom Jones presents the youth-center case.

lowing the victory.

"Finally!" exclaimed Adam Edelstein of Russett Lane, in the midst of hugs and high-fives from his peers. "It's going to happen. I went nuts. I was jumping off the walls!"

The momentum of the evening will carry the youth and the foundation to its \$4 million goal without a doubt, added Patrick Sullivan of Deerberry Lane.

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major celebrated with the youth in the center's main foyer immediately after Special Town Meeting adjourned.

When asked about the vote,

Major shrugged.

"It was OK," he said. Then he broke into laughter. "It was awesome! What a phenomenal feeling. You knew the vote was extremely solid."

After finalizing the RFP in January, the next step is to start raising the \$4 million, Major added. Tom Jones, of Porter Road and a professional fundraiser, will spearhead that effort.

But AYF member Larry Larsen decided to get a headstart on the campaign Tuesday.

"I just want to say, on behalf of Andover youth, my deepest and most sincere thank you. And if any of you have \$4 million you'd like to give..." He trailed off and smiled.

Town will fight mosquito population

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Selectman Mary French before the vote.

The selectmen wanted to delay a vote until annual Town Meeting, when they would have had a chance to review a pesticides report from the Department of Public Health, due this winter.

Northeast Superintendent Walter Montgomery had said waiting would make no difference, and the town would have known better by spring if surrounding communities planned to join the district, French said. The three-year commitment, at a cost of \$78,000 per year, needed more thought, she added.

But waiting could have ruined the town's chances of staying on top of a potentially serious health problem, Board of Health Chairman Douglas Dunbar argued.

"Mosquitoes (can) survive the winter; therefore, they are ready to go in the spring to spread the (West Nile) virus," he said. "By voting for funds now, we can get a commitment from the district to be ready for April. If we (wait until) spring Town Meeting, we lose the chance to be ready."

Though the District cannot actually start spraying until July 1, the beginning of fiscal year 2001, early commitment allows the town to analyze problem areas, such as mosquito breeding grounds, said Penney. Knowing which areas to target ahead of time could limit the amount of pesticide the town will need to spray.

"The resources that will be needed to marshal against this problem will be impossible for us to pull together at the last minute," Penney said.

Resident Frances Wheeler of Hillcrest Road stood up to protest the article, noting that she

lives in a mosquito-infested area.

"I have great concerns," she said, adding that the hazards of mosquito spraying greatly outweigh the benefits.

Resident Brad Pearson of Lucerne Drive got the final word. "Our public health officials, the people with the most knowledge in this area, are recommending we do this now. It makes sense to use all the time that's available," he said. "Joining the district now would give us that time."

Article 13 passed by a wide margin.

"The Board of Health is pleased that (it has) the ability now to forecast the resources that they have available for the problem, if and when it arises next spring," said Penney afterwards. "I think it's the right way to go. We would have been at a real disadvantage if we had no idea as a health department what the town was going to do until next April."



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Timely plea — With Finance Committee members looking on, Health Director Everett Penney urges residents to join a mosquito-control district.



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Power plant

state, largely because of the two large trash incinerators and the medical waste incinerator in the region.

When asked to justify her concerns, Poole marshals a dizzying litany of statistics: the two solid waste incinerators burn over a third of the trash for the entire state; the medical waste incinerator, located in a residential neighborhood of Lawrence, is the largest in New England and the second largest east of the Mississippi; the highway corridors of Interstates 495 and 93 and Route 3 add enormous amounts of auto pollution.

Then the health statistics trip off her tongue: West Andover has the highest breast cancer rate in the state; in Lawrence, the pediatric asthma rate is two and a half times the state average; six Merrimack Valley towns have asthma hospitalization rates higher than the state average; Essex County has more deaths related to air toxins than any other county in New England.

For these reasons and many more, Poole and her fellow concerned citizens believe that another power plant is the last thing the Merrimack Valley needs.

Nickel Hill Energy and its supporters argue just as strongly for the project's merits. The project was approved by the Dracut Board of Selectmen and 1999 Town Meeting, and if completed, the company would become the largest single taxpayer in the town—larger, in fact, by the company's estimate, than the current top 10 taxpayers in Dracut combined.

Nickel Hill, a subsidiary of Constellation Power Inc., based in Baltimore, Md., touts the cleanliness of natural-gas power generation in comparison with coal- or oil-fired plants. The company expects the new plant to displace older

and dirtier sources of power in the region.

But most importantly, the company has cleared every environmental hurdle put in place by state and federal regulators. The next in line are air and water permits. If this winning streak continues, according to Nickel Hill project manager Donald Walters, construction could begin as early as next summer.

Walters is familiar with the general position taken by the MVRE, and he says he is befuddled by their claims. His understanding, which he says is backed by independent third-party sources such as the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, is that "the air quality in the Merrimack Valley is not worse than the state average. It's actually better than in the state."

He added, "When I hear people saying things that are so diametrically opposed, I'm just perplexed." In fact, he suggested that he would be interested in holding some type of forum in the area, at which independent environmental authorities could give their opinions about the impact of the project.

Meanwhile, Poole, who spoke at the siting board meeting last Thursday, indicates she believes that board failed miserably in its responsibility to insist that Nickel Hill credibly back its claims of causing minimal environmental impact. According to just one of her examples, the company has at different times given wildly differing estimates of the levels of volatile organic compounds that the plant would emit, ranging from 49 tons per year to 96 and back to 70.

"This shows that they're either being disingenuous or they don't know what they're doing, and either way it's unacceptable," she asserted. Other issues include noise pollution from the plant, options for pollution-control



More, but not merrier — Merrimack Valley Residents for the Environment argue that the valley already has too many facilities, such as Wheelabrator's recycling trash-to-energy facility.

technology, cooling methods, and wetlands preservation. On every one of these issues, according to Poole, the company is selecting the options that are best for its bottom line and harmful to the health and well-being of Merrimack Valley residents.

According to Poole, the various state agencies that have to deal with such issues are "passing the buck." Asked why this would be, she responded, "Because the issues we're raising are cumbersome, difficult issues for these agencies to deal with. We're asking for something that hasn't been asked for before."

That something boils down to the enormously complex scientific task of "connecting the dots," as Poole says, between a constellation of pollution sources to prove conclusively that they do indeed influence the rates of such things as cancer and asthma in the Merrimack Valley, and that the Nickel Hill project specifically would exacerbate these problems.

"I can't tell you with scientific certainty that it's the incinerator (for example) that's causing asthma attacks," she said candidly, "But I can tell you that intuitively. Can I prove it? No. Until I can prove it, the state can't back me up."

"Air quality is a function of many different sources," said Walters.

"And it's easy to pick on stationary sources. There are many others though," he said, citing the large automobiles that so many people choose to drive.

Poole, who is the mother of five children, says it is difficult to keep up morale in the face of decisions like the one last week, but she is undaunted.

"Nobody here (in the MVRE) has an ax to grind except the protection of the health and environment of the community. They're not out here to make things difficult, they sincerely believe that this is not the best thing. It is not the best plant, and it is not the best site."

South Winds



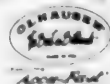
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Study: Sustaining what residents like

By Adam Groff

Andover draws three to four times more water from Haggett's Pond than what is considered a "safe yield," according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus. Statistics such as these have caught the attention of the League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover, which has initiated what it is calling a "sustainability study" of the Andover and North Andover communities.

Anne Wein, the study chairwoman, says it has three goals: to educate the league and the community about sustainability; to help people understand the implications of sustainability for their town; and to compile a list of "sustainability indicators" for the Andovers.

But what is sustainability? Maureen Hart, a consultant from North Andover who spoke at a forum held by the LWV in October, made an analogy between sustainability and sound financial planning. She said that in much the same way an individual seeks to live off the interest from his or her investments without tapping into the principal, societies seeking sustainability should attempt to use the resources around them in such a way that the resources are able to replenish themselves and not become irreparably degraded.

Studying sustainability, she said, also involves looking at environment, economy, and society as interrelated entities rather than as discrete objects of study.

People like Hart, whose consulting firm is called Sustainable Measures, have worked to develop "sustainability indicators" to measure sustainability in communities. Sustainability indicators vary by community and can range from levels of pollution to the availability of affordable housing.

Petkus, the Andover public works director, indicated that the concept of sustainability is relevant to him in his role as overseer of, among other things, the Andover water and sewer systems.

"I've heard it from different perspectives. One group believes in no growth at all. Those are extremists. Growth is needed to have a stable tax base, but growth needs to be within your capability to handle it. So sustainable growth is a good idea," he said.

Hart said she does not use the term "sustainable growth." Instead, she prefers to use "sustainable development."

"Sustainable growth is an oxymoron," she said. "The only thing that grows without stopping is cancer. Everything else that grows reaches a peak and then declines and dies. We're talking about constantly improving the quality of life."

Addressing the details of issues like water use in Andover and North Andover, Petkus talked about the "safe yield" of community water sources. The safe yield is the amount of water that can be used in one day without exceeding the average daily rate of replenishment of that source.

The safe yield for Haggett's Pond, Andover's primary water source, is one million gallons per day, said Petkus. Currently, he said, Andover uses about three to four million gallons per day. And last summer, when

surrounding communities put water restrictions into effect, Andover did not.

When the water level in Haggett's Pond gets low, Petkus said, it can be replenished by tapping the Merrimack River via Fish Brook. In this way, Andover makes use of the major regional water source shared with the surrounding communities.

Paving problems

Ralph Goodno of Lawrence, president of the Merrimack River Watershed Council, is interested in the prevalence of "impervious cover," or surfaces such as buildings, roads, and parking lots that prevent water from seeping into the ground. He explained that the earth is a natural filter for rainwater as it cycles back to major water sources.

Impervious cover does not filter water, but rather causes water to run off quickly while gathering impurities. It has been determined, he said, that when an area has 15-percent impervious cover, the local water source will be impaired, and when impervious cover reaches 25 percent, the water source will be permanently degraded. In addition, groundwater recharge is impaired, exacerbating droughts, while the fast runoff causes floods when it does rain.

The MRWC is currently mapping the Merrimack and surrounding watersheds to determine the region's percentage of impervious cover. Goodno said that in the Shawsheen watershed, which includes Bedford, Burlington, Billerica, Tewksbury, and Andover, impervious cover ranges from about 10 to 35 percent of the land area. He noted that flooding has been a problem for Andover residents who live near the Shawsheen River.

With regard to sustainable development, Goodno said, "They key is for the community to decide what it wants to be and what it wants to look like. When a community gets to buildout, when there's no land available for new development, that's when a community has to look at improving what it has rather than continuing to build." His group works on promoting "best management practices," such as building retention ponds and vegetative buffers along streams, that help mitigate the impact of development. "The problem is," he added, "You have to square that with the rights of property owners."

Similarly, Petkus said, "If people say about a community, 'I want to live here because of this thing,' and then that thing starts getting destroyed because of so many people moving there, you have to do something about it. That's why sustainable growth is important." But, in another comment similar to Goodno's, he added, "At the same time, we have to respect people's property rights. That's a constitutional right people have."

The League of Women Voters will conduct their study for one year, and then generate a position paper on the issue for public distribution.

More information about sustainability in general may be found on Maureen Hart's Web site at <www.sustainablemeasures.com>; the MRWC's Web site is <www.merrimack.org>.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - At 6:10 a.m., Stephen LeClerc, 26, of 25 Druid Hill Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged on a warrant for violating an abuse prevention order.

At 9:37 a.m., Michael Hayhurst, 21, of 2 Bristow St., North Providence, R.I., was arrested and charged with a seat belt violation and failure to signal before turning, driving with a suspended license and illegal possession of a Class D substance.

At 10:46 a.m., Susan Gillies, 31, of 231 Hovey St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving after her right to drive was revoked for drunk driving, driving after her license plates were revoked, driving an uninsured vehicle and failing to have her vehicle inspected.

Friday, Nov. 10 - At 1:16 a.m., Joy Sandison, 23, of 15 Quail Run, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and following another driver too closely.

At 2:05 a.m., Gerald Tiso, 32, of 112 Marion Ave., East Boston, was arrested and charged with uttering a false prescription at CVS and forgery.

Saturday, Nov. 11 - At 6:57 p.m., Justin Crow, 31, of 10 Bonair Ave., Hampton, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle fines.

At 7:14 p.m., Hasan Erdem, 21, of 8 Evergreen Lane, and Cemil Erdem, 26, also of 8 Evergreen Lane, were arrested and charged with breaking and entering at night with the intent to commit a misdemeanor.

Sunday, Nov. 12 - At 2:22 p.m., Michael Augustonovic, 37, of 16 Webster St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with driving after his right to drive was revoked and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Monday, Nov. 13 - At 7:16 p.m., Louis Plante III, 37, of Mammoth Road, Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for default charges.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - At 11:45 a.m., an officer picked up an elderly woman who was reportedly walking around very disoriented on Shawsheen Road. The officer brought her to the senior center where staff advised she is well-known for going on walks.

At 3:39 p.m., an officer reminded an individual that bylaws prohibit people from putting fliers on cars in town. The individual was to remove the fliers.

At 5:13 p.m., a Raytheon supervisor was threatened by an employee when the supervisor notified the employee of a change in his or her hours. The employee threatened the supervisor with a dental probe, said police. The problem will be handled by

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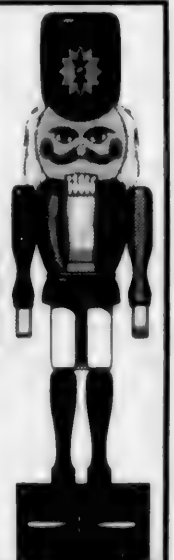
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POLICE LOG

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Thursday, Nov. 9 - At 5:14 p.m., a detective was to file on a harassment at Andover High School.

At 5:57 p.m., a Brown Street resident reported that she has received annoying phone calls for the past two years.

At 9:10 p.m., a Mary Lou Lane resident reported that her 88-year-old mother had received a phone

call that day. The party claimed they were from the Andover police department and were asking her questions on who resides at the Mary Lou Lane residence.

Friday, Nov. 10 - At 6:56 a.m., a Kenilworth Street resident reported that noisy construction was going on behind his house prior to 7 a.m. A responding officer spoke to the construction worker, who said he was only moving the equipment and

wouldn't start until 7.

At 1:21 p.m., officers were reporting flooding on several roads, including Stevens, Red Spring, Shawsheen and High streets, due to heavy rains and storm drains clogged with leaves.

At 4:23 p.m., Raytheon reported some spilled oil in the area of Lowell Street and Bellevue Road. The Department of Public Works was notified and planned to spread sand over the problem spots.

Saturday, Nov. 11 - At 8:06 a.m., a caller reported a possible abduction at John's Village Deli. A responding officer determined that it was not an abduction. A male pulled a female, who was his daughter, into his car because the female had left the house not dressed properly for the rainy weather, said Lt. Siopes.

At 11:08 a.m., a Washington Park Drive resident complained that someone was harassing her through her computer.

At 2:47 p.m., a Windemere Way resident reported that a bicycle he did not own had been sitting on his property for the past couple of days. An officer picked up the bike and brought it to the station.

At 4:46 p.m., an individual reported that the book drop at Memorial Hall Library was jammed. A responding officer reported that books were left all over the ground. The library director could not be reached, but the custodian was to respond to solve the problem.

Sunday, Nov. 12 - At 4:30 p.m., a female came to the station to report that she had been assaulted at the high school at 2:30 that afternoon. The female had been verbally

assaulted and then slapped by another woman near the school's field house.

Monday, Nov. 13 - At 1:32 p.m., an officer reported a Canada Goose with a broken beak on Blanchard Street. The goose was transported to the animal hospital for emergency care by the animal-control officer.

At 4:30 p.m., a Bellevue Road resident reported some missing keys.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 - At 6:51 a.m., police received a 911 call where all the dispatcher heard was a female screaming. While officers were dispatched to the address, the caller hung up and called back to tell the dispatcher that her 14-year-old foster child had left the house, threatening to run away. Officers found the child a few houses down.

At 3:26 p.m., a Brookside Drive caller reported that his sister was threatening him with a knife and turning the power off to the house. A responding officer determined the situation was a verbal argument.

At 6:22 p.m., a female reported that her son had been assaulted in a bathroom at the Greater Lawrence Technical School earlier that day, possibly over gang-related issues, said Sgt. Harry Collins. The boy was not injured.

At 8:44 p.m., a High Street caller reported that a brook was overflowing at Andover Terrace, due to heavy rains.

At 10:21 p.m., a caller from Express Mart on Railroad Avenue reported that a customer had tried to damage the cash register, but then drove away.

BREAKS

Saturday, Nov. 11 - At 7:14 p.m., a resident of Evergreen Lane reported that a man had broken his screen door and then took off into the woods. Two men were arrested and charged with a nighttime breaking and entering.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Monday, Nov. 13 - At 4:50 p.m., a caller reported that someone had entered and ransacked his vehicle, which was parked in the lot at the corner of Bartlet and Park streets.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 - At 8:23 a.m., a female at Worthen Place reported that she had locked her keys inside her vehicle. Police recommended she call AAA.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, Nov. 10 - At 1:16 a.m., one car rear-ended another on No. Main Street. Two people were treated for injuries. The driver of the vehicle that caused the accident was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday, Nov. 11 - At 2:11 a.m., a driver reported that he was involved in an accident on River Road. No one was injured in his vehicle, but the driver of the other car involved complained of pain. The injured driver was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Monday, Nov. 13 - At 2:26 p.m., one car rear-ended another on High Plain Road. An ambulance responded to the scene to treat one of the operators, who was complaining of head and neck pain.

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VETERANS DAY



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In the photograph at the top middle of the page: Veterans prepare to offer a rifle salute.

Above: Mike Moschetto of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, at Ballardvale Green.

Below: The Andover High School Marching Band at Spring Grove Cemetery.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN



Above: Speaker Cliff Lawrence, a Navy veteran of the Korean War and an Andover resident, addresses the audience at Ballardvale Green.

At left: Fred Pease, West Parish Cemetery superintendent, and Andover resident Dorothy Volker hold blue balloons. During a morning ceremony at West Parish cemetery, residents released 47 balloons - one for each Andover veteran that has died within the year, said John Doherty, town veterans agent.

Below: An anonymous veteran stands in the rain and pays his respects with a salute at Spring Grove Cemetery.



Arts & Entertainment

Alpers Fine Art unveils its Earthworks exhibit tonight

By Rebecca Piro

Those opening the door to Alpers Fine Art this week can surround themselves with the natural signs of the season—warm colors and earth tones, translated by human hands into a series of paintings and prints collectively called Earthworks.

The gallery, at 2 Main St., opens its fifth special exhibition this week, focusing on pieces by two Massachusetts artists, Thomas Halloran of Lowell and Peggy Turner Zablony of Vineyard Haven.

Gallery owner Peter Alpers hosts a reception with the artists tonight, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6:30 to 9:30.

While both Zablony and Halloran undertake earth themes in the Earthworks pieces, the interpretations in Halloran's paintings and Zablony's prints are refreshingly different.

A dazzling scheme of overlapped and intertwined organic elements create Zablony's delicate yet brilliant color Zablony, who has shown work at Alpers' gallery previously, utilizes the traditional art form of pressing flowers, creating a collage of buds, leaves and stems. The collages are photographed, digitally

scanned and manipulated so that fine details are unveiled to the viewer's unaided eye.

"She has an ideal of what it looked like when she picked it from her garden," says Alpers.

Unlike Zablony, Halloran takes a step back to view the world in a clouded, almost swirling dream of stormy landscapes and dark tones, emphasizing the freshness and purity of the earth's elements. With a palette limited to black, brown, green and bronze paints, combined with volcanic dust or ash, Halloran's work reflects the typical November weather in New England.

"All the landscapes are from my imagination and memory, and they are about paint and what paint does," says Halloran. "I do a lot of different things with texture, I scratch with razor blades or sand the surfaces. They could even be called paint-scapes."

Halloran displayed his work in Andover earlier this year at Art in the Park, the annual art celebration on the green by Town Offices where many local artists show their work, says Alpers.

"I was really impressed with what I saw. I thought they were in a class by themselves," says Alpers.



Photo by Tim Jean

Julie Kramer hangs artwork by Peggy Turner Zablony for tonight's opening at Alpers Fine Art, 2 Main St.

Alpers decided to juxtapose Halloran and Zablony's works in a show because of his fascination with the artists' differences in technique and similarities in subject matter.

"I was struck by the link of botanicals. The composition of (Zablony's works)... is lushly beautiful. (They are) either

geometrically fascinating," says Alper, "or riotously spontaneous-looking."

"(Halloran is) using colors that exist in nature. His are much more earth-toned, and hers are every conceivable color that she can get out of her garden."

Alpers shows works by local

artists from places including Newburyport and North Andover, as well as artists from California and Europe. The gallery is open for viewing Wednesday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday's reception is open to the public.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Andover Writers Group to meet Nov. 28

The Andover Writers Group will present an evening with Dr. George LeMaitre, vascular surgeon, inventor, and writer on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at Memorial Hall Library, upper level.

LeMaitre will present "Ebenezer Scrooge Revisited" and "The Day Santa Claus Quit." The presentation starts at 7 p.m.

LeMaitre will share his experiences with the publication and marketing of his work. He is currently writing a historical novel centered on Pontius Pilate.

The meeting is free and open to all writers, beginners and experienced, as well as anyone else. For more information, call Henry Everett at 683-5654.

Pentucket Players head for Rogers Center

Pentucket Players Inc. of the Merrimack Valley are sailing into their seventh season with the community theatre premiere production of the new musical play, *Titanic*.

Winner of the 1999 Tony Award for Best New Musical, *Titanic* will be presented by the Players on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Rogers Center for Performing Arts at Merrimack Col-



lege.

The cast is comprised of more than 50 adults from throughout the Merrimack Valley, Greater Boston and Worcester areas.

The production is under the direction of John R. Buzzell, of Haverhill, with musical-direction by John A. Middleton, of Tewksbury, and original choreogra-

phy supplied by Wendy Smith, of Salem, N.H. In addition to being the first production of the Pentucket Players' current season, *Titanic* is undergoing its maiden voyage in community theatre. This is the first production licensed in this area.

With a stirring book by Peter Stone and hauntingly beautiful music and lyrics by Maury Yeston, the stage version of the familiar story is told with humor, pathos and striking visual scenes. The production also marks Pentucket Players first appearance at the Rogers Center.

For tickets, call (978) 521-9259 before Sunday, Nov. 26.

(UPCOMING EVENTS continues on page 26)

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Man of La Mancha. Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance and music department, 6:30 p.m., \$10, Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall; 749-4263.

Appalachian Mountain Club annual meeting. 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Marta Hornidge 475-3595.

Health care career night, 7 p.m., focusing on animal care, diet

technology, nurse education, pharmacy technician, physical fitness, practical nursing, and respiratory; North Shore Community College, 1 Ferncroft Road, Danvers; (978) 782-4000.

Holiday fair, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Winchester Hospital, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester; (781) 756-2621.

Swing into Action, benefits Family Service of Lawrence, 6:30 p.m., One Mill Street, Lawrence; Karen Poiri-

er 683-9595, Ext. 14.

Lecture on the art and history of carriage driving, 2 p.m., \$1, Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library-Conference Area, Haverhill; (978) 556-3688.

Poetry reading, with David Rivard and Wendy Moonkin, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., (800) 491-0143.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices,

The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844. **A Midsummer Night's Dream.** Merrimack College On-Stagers, 8 p.m., \$10, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 837-5335.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

Aladdin. Merrimack Junior Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$8, Doherty Middle School auditorium; 475-3422.

Man of La Mancha, see Nov. 16 entry.

Elder Services of Merrimack Valley annual meeting, 11 a.m., Wynnham, Andover; 1-800-892-0890.

Festival of Trees Premier Night, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$25, The Red Tavern, 5 Pleasant St., Methuen; 685-8878.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Annette Pollack, Ben Boime, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Holiday fair, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Winchester Hospital, see Nov. 16 entry.

Diamond cutting, polishing, with master diamond cutter Brian McHardy of South Africa, 4-9 p.m., Long's Jewelers, 60A South Ave., Burlington; (781) 272-3400.

Live comedy, Jim Lauletta, Rich Franchise, 8-10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, see Nov. 16 entry.

Jazz concert, the Phillips Academy Faculty Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., free, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 749-4263.

Gifts of the Holiday exhibition, featuring works by the Saltbox Gallery of Topsfield, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Topsfield Fairgrounds, Rte. 1, Topsfield; (978) 887-3844.

Mind/body connection from the Kabbalah perspective, 5:30 p.m. service, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. lecture, \$12, at Chabad Lubavich, 310 N. Main St.; Beverly Birnbaum 475-1853.

Reunion, Northeast Youth Ballet, 7-11 p.m., \$10, Memorial Hall, 590 Main St., Melrose; (781) 665-2236.

Oliver! Colonial Chorus Players of Reading, 8 p.m., \$10-14, W.S. Parker Middle School, 45 Temple St., Reading; (781) 944-9780.

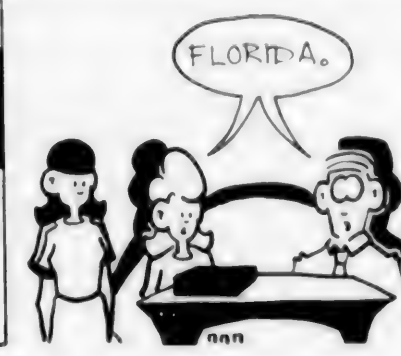
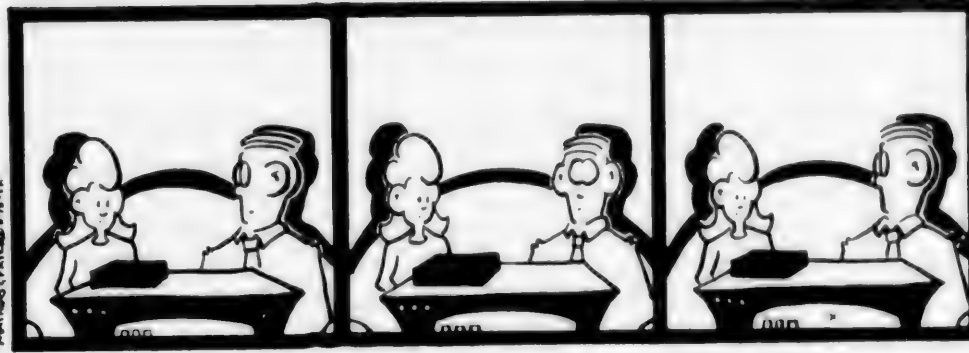
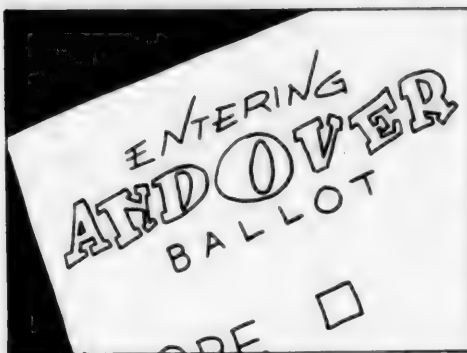
Book sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 623-8401, Ext. 49.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Annette Pollack, Stoney Black/Ben Boime, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Storyteller Mike Myers, formerly of Andover, 7 p.m., Andover bookstore,

ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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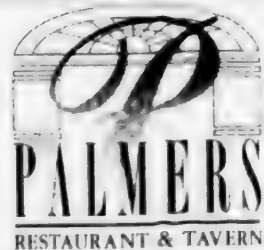
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SATURDAY, NOV. 18

South Winds all-faith service, with Geoffrey Hicks Inspirational (Gospel) Choir for an Attitude of Gratitude, 4:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy (note: this is a venue and time change from the usual format of the series, organizers said).

Fun fair, with children's entertainer Kevin Devine, benefits the Mother Connection, 10 and 11:30 a.m., South School, Sheila Graham 470-1500.

Festival of Trees opens, \$5, children under 12, free, 10 a.m.

p.m., The Red Tavern, 5 Pleasant St., Methuen, 885-8878.

Concert, Cliff Eberhardt, 8 p.m., \$15, New Moon Coffeehouse, Jet Routes 110&125, Haverhill, (978) 373-6239 or www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

Concert, Reading Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., \$15, \$8 seniors, students, Reading Memorial High School Auditorium, 62 Oakland Road, Reading, (781) 937-3332.

Victorian tea and Christmas Bazaar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell, (978) 452-2141.

Diamond cutting, polishing, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see Nov. 17 entry.

Folk-rock festival, featuring

Grey Eye Glances, Meghan Toohey, Kris Delmhurst, Mica Richard, Erin McKeown, 7 p.m., \$16-20, Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville, (617) 628-3300 or (617) 931-2000.

Walk, Lowell's Lower Locks, 2:00-4 p.m., meet at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, Lowell, (978) 970-5000.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Annette Pollack, Ben Boime, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover, (781) 938-8088.

Live comedy, Jim Lauletta, Rich Franchese, 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover,

Andover Chamber Music Series presents Schubert and Harbison: Hallucinations, Reveries and Reveilles

Franz Schubert's creative genius was cut short by an early death, but he still presented the world with an array of beautiful works for ensembles and solo instruments. His beloved *Trout Quintet* is one of the most popular chamber works of all time, organizers said, and the Andover Chamber Music Series has assembled what it calls "an all-star cast" to perform the *Quintet* this Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. at The Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

But what music did Schubert still have in him at the time of his death? What thoughts passed could have been on his mind on that November 19, 172 years ago? Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Harbison's evocative *November 19, 1828: Hallucinations in Four Episodes for Piano and String Trio* calls on Schubert's works, finished and yet to be written on the anniversary of his death.

Julia Scolnik, ACMS artistic director, has gathered a roster of musicians to perform Schubert's masterpiece and other works on the program.

Lucy Stoltzman, violin, James Dunham,

viola, Michael Kannen, cello, Donald Berman, piano, Deborah Dunham, bass, and Scolnik, flute, will be featured in the afternoon concert. In addition to the Schubert and the Harbison, Scolnik has programmed Durufle's *Prelude, Recitative and Variations*, and Rossini's *Overture to William Tell*.

Harbison, who is on the faculty at MIT, will present a pre-concert lecture at the Rogers Center at 3 p.m. His works have been performed by almost every major symphony orchestra in America. He has received the Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities, and was recognized not only for his prodigious abilities as a composer, but his "contemporary vision and generous spirit."

His compositions are distinguished by incomparably expressive themes and remarkable connection with the listener.

Tickets for the concert are \$22, \$18 and \$14; and are available by calling 1-800-687-0431 or 474-6222, or e-mailing info@andoverchambermusic.org.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2, 8 p.m., dinner tickets available for \$23, see Nov. 16 entry.

Aladdin, see Nov. 17 entry.

Gifts of the Holiday exhibition, see Nov. 17 entry.

Mystical songs, spiritual tales, deli supper 6:30 p.m., followed by program, \$8, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Barbara Holstein 470-1356.

Oliver!, see Nov. 17 entry.

Book sale, see Nov. 17 entry.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, Annette Pollack, Stoney Black Ben Boime, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover, (781) 938-8088.

Concert, sponsored by the Mother Connection featuring Kevin Devine, 10, 11:30 a.m., \$5, South School, Woburn Street, 470-0428.

Open house, 9 a.m.-noon, St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers, (978) 774-6727, Ext. 303.

Family art project entitled "Me and Dad Go to the Farm," for children and parents, 10-11:30 a.m., Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, (978) 452-7641.

Holiday fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., New England Pediatric Care, 78 Boston Road, North Billerica, (978) 667-5123.

Lower Locks tour, 2:30-4 p.m., meet at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, Lowell, (978) 970-5000.

Christmas bazaar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Lady of Hope parish, Linebrook Road, Ipswich, (978) 356-4250.

Concert featuring Cliff Eberhardt, 7:30 p.m., \$15, New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill, (978) 372-9552, www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

The Nutcracker, Academy of Ballet Arts, 2, 7 p.m., McCarthy Middle School, Chelmsford, 250-9100.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

Children's author Rose Lewis visits, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 623-8400.

Andover Chamber Music Series, 4 p.m., \$14-22, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 474-6222.

Hand bell choir concert, 7 p.m., \$5-10, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Chelmsford, Sheila Stone 475-1121.

Violin concert, with Elizabeth Ann Larson, 4 p.m., \$75, Great House ballroom, Castle Hill, Argilla Road, Ipswich, (978) 356-4351.

4-mile hike, sponsored by Andover Appalachian Mountain Club, Maudslay State Park, Newburyport, meet in Maudslay parking lot, Harriet Sheridan 475-4339.

Antiques, art appraisal, 1-4 p.m., \$3 admission, \$2 per appraised item, Congregation Shalom, 87 Richardson Road, N. Chelmsford, (978) 251-8091.

Craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$1, Radisson Hotel, Chelmsford, (978) 256-3275.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover, (888) 865-2844.

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

Aladdin, 2 p.m., see Nov. 17 entry.

Oliver!, 2 p.m., see Nov. 17 entry.

Book sale, 1-5 p.m., see Nov. 17 entry.

The Nutcracker, 3 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

Festival of Trees, see Nov. 19 entry.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

Talk on "The Center for Connecticut River Archaeology", with Wesley R. Stinson, director, Sargent Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 7:30 p.m., free, Robert S. Peabody Museum, Phillips Academy, 749-4490.

Parenting program, "Neither a Bully Nor a Victim: Helping Children Treat Each Other Respectfully," 7:30-9 p.m., \$30, sponsored by Families First Parenting Programs, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., (617) 868-7687.

Jazz, the Ferdinando Argenti Quintet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover, Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H., (603) 893-6553.

Embroiders' workshop, the Embroiders' Guild of America, Merrimack Valley chapter, 7 p.m., \$36, Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter (781) 893-0959.

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover, (888) 865-2844.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Home for the Holidays, featuring Jane Vondell and Sharon Fluet, both of Andover, North Regional Theatre Workshop, 8 p.m., \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 children, Wilmington High School, Wilmington, (978) 658-0192, www.nrtwinc.com.

Blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., sponsored by the American Red Cross, Cedarale Health & Fitness, 931 Boston Post

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Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

Home for the Holidays, see Nov. 24 entry.

Swedish Yule Fair, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., free admission, Winthrop School, Bay Road (Rte. 1A) Hamilton; Sue Hess 749-4360.

North Andover Winter Holiday Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Stevens Estate, Osgood Hill, North Andover; Joan Heafey 685-5320.

MSPCA Winter Festival at Nevins Farm, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Antiques show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10, sponsored by the Peabody Essex Museum, O'Keefe Center at Salem State College, 225 Canal St., Salem; (978) 745-9500.

Holiday art show opening, featuring works by several local and New England painters, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport; (978) 462-9891.

Live comedy, Tony V., 8, 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist, 10:30 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844

Live comedy, Tim McIntire, Greg Rodrigues, Teresa Craggan, 9:30 p.m., call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, Rte. 125, North Andover; (781) 938-8088.

Festival of Trees, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., see Nov. 18 entry.

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

Holiday photos with your animal, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., MSPCA carriage shed and loft, 400 Broadway (Rte. 28), Methuen; Ray Denis 687-1150.

Antiques show, noon-5 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Home for the Holidays, 3 p.m. see Nov. 24 entry.

North Andover Winter Holiday Festival, noon-4 p.m., see Nov. 25 entry.

Live comedy, Boston Comedy Showcase, 8 p.m., call for prices, The Comedy Palace at Grill 93, River Road, Andover; (888) 865-2844

Brickstone tree lighting set for Nov. 26

Mark Donohoe, the landscaper responsible for picking and decorating the Brickstone tree each year, says this is one of the largest Brickstone trees ever, more than 100 feet tall and weighing 20,000 pounds total.

"We get it there on the 15th, and it takes about eight days to decorate," he says.

The tree lighting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes
Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 475-2236.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Second Impressions: Quilters Celebrate Cochecho Fabrics*, through December, ongoing *Textiles in America* exhibition, special exhibitions and events, function rooms, catering, museum store and Seasoned Chef Gazebo Cafe; hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, students and groups, free for members and children under 6, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400 or <www.athm.org>.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, *Closing: The Life and Death of an American Factory*; Photographs by Bill



There will be a folk-rock festival this Saturday, Nov. 18, at Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville, featuring Grey Eye Glances and, from left, Kris Delmhorst, Meghan Toohey, Mica Richards and Erin McKeown. The show starts at 7 p.m.; tickets are \$16-20. Call (617) 628-3390 or (617) 931-2000.

Bamberger, documents the closing of the White Furniture Co. of Mebane, N.C., through Jan. 28, free, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

Castle Hill, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; (978) 356-4351.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, *Seeking Justice: 300 Years of People on the Newburyport Waterfront, Along the Shore, The Urban Seaport in the Age of Sail, A Gallery of Ships, and Coping with Crisis*, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-8681.

Wenham Museum, *Fun and Games*, through Feb. 15, an inter-

active exhibit exploring the types of games designed over the past 200 years; *Train Time 12*, through Jan. 28, features model train layouts, train memorabilia; *Sleigh Bell Holiday Gift Boutique*, Nov. 17-19, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; (978) 468-2377.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Point of Reference: Frederick Hayes, Glenn Ligon, Gary Simmons and Kara Walker*, through Dec. 17, Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 749-4015.

Essex Art Center, *Fragile Structures*, mixed media sculpture and collage work by artists Jane Ingram Allen, Pam Cooper,

Janet Nolan and Marcia Widenor, *Juried Show 2000*, juried by Barbara O'Brien, through Nov. 24, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Merrimack College's McQuade Library Art Gallery, *Resolution of Reality, A Colorful Look at the Past*, featuring 20 paintings inspired by old family photographs from the 1920s-'50s by Jan Searle of Newbury, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; 837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Merrimack College Rogers Center for the Arts McCoy Gallery, *Hollis Heichemer's 100 Small Paintings Project*, an exhibit of 100 small paintings, slide talk on Wednesday, Nov. 29

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Local residents get into the holiday spirit with NRTW's production of 'Home for the Holidays'

Andover residents Jane Vondell and Sharon Fluet and Methuen residents Paul D. Greene and Denis Webster, all members of the North Regional Theatre Workshop, have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming production, *Home for the Holidays*, a musical celebration of the season.

With more than 40 voices, this show promises something for everyone, organizers say. "All those holiday favorites you know and love and a visit from Santa himself."

Performances will be held at Wilmington High School on Friday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m., and in addition, a special matinee performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students and children, or a Family Four Pack of four tickets for \$40 (this includes two adult tickets and two student/child tickets) at a savings of \$10. For tickets or additional information call the NRTW Box office at (978) 658-0192, or visit its Web site at www.nrtwinc.com.

Andover sisters appear in Broadway show at Giordano's

Giordano's Dinner Theatre in Georgetown, has reopened after a summer hiatus. The dinner theatre is currently presenting "Forever Broadway," featuring music from many of America's best loved shows with humor, sentiment, and nostalgia mixed with a little audience interaction.

Tom Whateley, veteran

singer and actor, transforms himself into several classic Broadway roles, including Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Billy Bigelow in *Carousel*.

Whateley is joined by Amy and Jennifer D'Onofrio, two sisters originally from Andover "with warm, outgoing personalities who will charm and impress you with their magnificent professional voices," according to organizers.

Whateley and the D'Onofrio sisters have performed at the Firehouse in Newburyport, Durham Center Stage, Caveat Theatre, Nick's Comedy Stop, Busch Gardens, and many more venues.

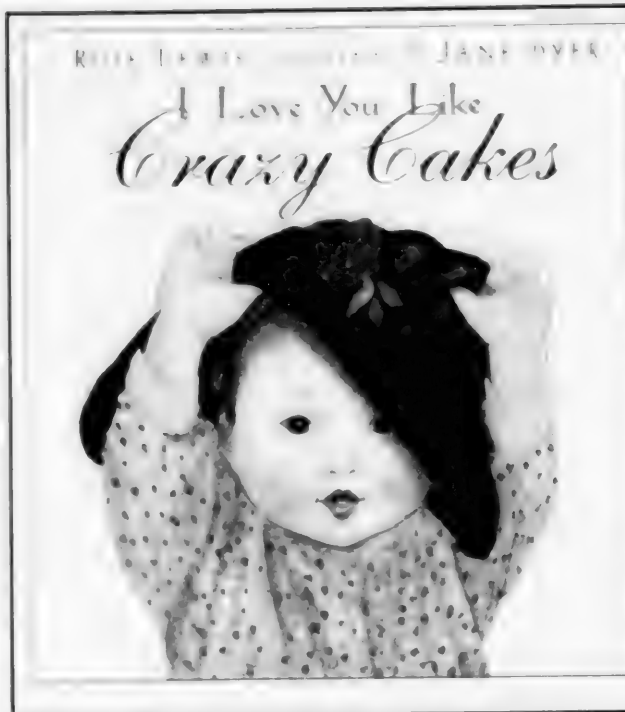
"Forever Broadway" plays through Nov. 26. Next month, the same troupe will perform a Christmas show, "Holiday Magic," featuring music and comedy. Organizers say the show is ideal for work parties, families, and organizations.

The cost for "Forever Broadway" is \$29.95, which includes a complete dinner. Dancing follows the show in the lounge. Call (978) 352-7300 or (800) 287-7529 for reservations; or check the Web site network.com/giordano's.

'Man of La Mancha' performances at PA

The Phillips Academy Department of Theatre and Dance and the Music Department will present three performances of the musical play *Man of La Mancha* on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Tang Theatre located in George Washington Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Tang Theatre is handicapped accessible.

The play *Man of La Mancha* is written by Dale Wasserman with music by Mitch Leigh and lyrics by Joe Darion. It is inspired by the story *Don Quixote*, written by Miguel de



Lewis coming to Library's Children's Room on Sunday

Andover native Rose Lewis will be appearing in The Children's Room at Memorial Hall Library this Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. to showcase her new book, *I Love You Like Crazy Cakes*.

Lewis' visit will be the highlight of the library's celebration of Children's Book Week as well as National Adoption Awareness Month.

Lewis, a television news producer at WCBV-TV in Boston, wrote this book to share her experience of adopting a child from China.

She and her daughter currently reside in Needham.

Children and parents are invited to meet Lewis from 2 to 3 p.m. and to enjoy her reading of this "warm and hopeful story," organizers said.

Cervantes.

General admission is \$10. Ticket reservations may be placed by calling the Phillips Academy box office at 749-4433.

The main characters are portrayed by Benjamin Baucum as Don Quixote, Cervantes and Alonso Quijana. Bryna Washer appears as Aldonza and Nicholas Ma as Sancho Panza.

The stage director is faculty member Mark Efinger and music director is faculty member Peter Warsaw.

Merrimack College On-Stagers to present Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

The Merrimack College On-Stagers will present William Shakespeare's beloved comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover.

One of Shakespeare's most popular and accessible plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a classic romantic comedy of magic and mistaken identity.

The Merrimack College On-Stagers is comprised of 60 students from many different theater backgrounds.

The show is directed by Scott Stroot, Bradford College theater program director for the past 14 years.

Show times Nov. 16 and 17 are at 8 p.m.; on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2 and 8 p.m.

The 8 p.m. show is a dinner theater performance. Dinner

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be presented by the Merrimack College On-Stagers student drama group.

theater includes a full-course dinner in Merrimack's Cascia Hall, followed by the play in the Rogers Center.

The play begins on the eve of the wedding between Duke Theseus and his captured warrior-bride Hippolyta. Four young lovers run away into the forest to escape their own, unwanted, arranged marriages. There they encounter Oberon and Titania, the supernatural fairy King and Queen of the forest, who with the help of their mischievous servant, Puck, cast magical spells that result in hilarious confusion, complicated even further by a meddling band of tradesman rehearsing a play intended as entertainment for the Duke's wedding. When Puck magically transforms one of those actors into a donkey, things really get hairy, until morning comes, the magic dispels, and all is set right again.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Dinner Theater tickets are \$23 each and are limited. Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased in advance by calling the Rogers Center box office at 837-5355.

Local dance students to participate in community outreach programs

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Youth Dance Company from the Donna Miceli Dance Center in Tewksbury will be joined by Donna Miceli's Teen Funk Company, Kidsdance



Company and other local dancers to participate in Project Santa at Dracut High School. A variety of dance styles will be presented. Money raised by the event will be used to purchase gifts for needy area children.

Originally formed in 1972, the Donna Miceli Dance Companies currently consist of middle school and high school students from Andover, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Lowell, Medford, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. Master classes, workshops, and demonstrations by guest choreographers are offered to enhance the training of company dancers. The Company's mission includes community outreach to promote a wider appreciation and enjoyment of dance for adults as well as children of all ages.

Andover participants in the program include Becki Dennis, Molly Desmond, Caryn Espy, Laura Espy, Shannon Gillis, Elena Greenspan, Annie McDonough, Caitlin Meehan, Raquel Spinazola, Kate Thompson, Lindsey Timko, and Lea Ventura.



◀ NRTW members, from left, are: (in front) Denis Webster, Barbara Calt-Doolley, Jane Vondell, Paul D. Greene; (back) Sharon Fluet and Pauline Crawford.

Living

Behind the 'Aladdin' scenes

New book is based on Merrimack Junior Theatre auditions

By Judy Wakefield

As the members of Merrimack Junior Theatre perform *Aladdin* this weekend, a book featuring the poems many read during their successful auditions is rumbling into stores.

There's a Hippo in My Locker by Andover author Jeff Nathan is a children's book featuring short, humorous poems, some of which were used by MJT members when they auditioned for the popular drama club for middle-schoolers.

Nathan, who has two children active in MJT, explained that when he helped his kids and some of their friends come up with

one-minute poem auditions, other kids approached him asking for help with theirs. They thought his poems were funny, fun to perform, and a ticket to a must-have winning audition.

"I'm an author by accident," Nathan said somewhat shyly. But later he adds that he's always had a passion for creative writing and had a ball working on all those MJT auditions. They made a great basis for his book.

The 75-page book may remind readers of the popular books by Shel Silverstein. The short, funny poems cover a host of topics near and dear to kid hearts, like those pain-in-the-neck older brothers, the torture of practicing piano, getting on Mom's good side before handing her a report card, and a girl's persec-



Photos by Tim Jean

Andover author Jeff Nathan encourages students to write to him with feedback on his book and selects a favorite quote each month. Sanborn School fourth grader Laura Renfro said the book will give readers "stomach aches from laughing" and she received \$50 when Nathan visited the school earlier this week.

tive on those annoying middle-school boys.

"I ask kids to tell me something they either really, really like or really, really dislike,

and we go from there," explained Nathan.

For example, a story called "Katie Zimmerman's Torture" starts off like this:

"Oh please don't make me do it."

I promise I'll be good. I'll clean my room and vacuum.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center:

Supper Club: Our next supper club will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6 when we will travel to "The Common Man" restaurant in Windham, N.H. Cost is \$25 per person which includes meal, gratuity, and transportation from the center. Menu selections are available at the center. Supper club is open to regulars, newcomers, singles, and couples. We welcome you to join in at any time.

Wanted: We are looking for donations of the following for our Dec. 15 sale: Bags of nonpareils, gumdrops, Chiclets, and red and white peppermints. We would also be grateful for donations of Pillsbury or Betty Crocker bread mixes and disposable tins as well as baskets for crafts. We appreciate your generosity.

Lock Monsters Hockey

Game: The men's group will sponsor a trip to Lowell to enjoy watching the Lock Monsters take on the Kentucky Thoroughblades on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Reservations are \$18, which includes ticket and bus transportation from the center. Please stop into the center if you are interested in traveling.

Germany Christmas Coffee: We invite you to join us on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. for a German Christmas Coffee. We will learn about German Christmas traditions, holiday carols, and sample some seasonal sweets. Tickets are \$2.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The senior center will host a Thanksgiving dinner, turkey with all the trimmings, on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon. Tickets are \$3; they went on sale Wednesday, Nov. 1. Seating is limited to 100 people.

Holiday Concert & Egg Nog Social: We invite you to

join us on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. for a holiday concert and egg nog social. Come enjoy some seasonal favorites as performed by the center's "Sunrise Singers," the Bishop Fenwick High School concert choir, and the Free Christian Church hand bell choir. Tickets are \$3 and currently on sale at the center on an advance purchase basis only.

Feliz Navidad Festival: The center's Spanish class is sponsoring a Feliz Navidad Festival on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. tickets are \$9 and the event includes a full traditional Latin American dinner, music, and displays. This will be a lively cultural event.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m., we will show the recent release *Bicentennial Man*, starring Robin Williams. Entertaining family story about an extraordinary android who just wants to be human.

Make-up Flu Clinic: The

Board of Health will conduct a makeup flu shot clinic at the senior center at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 27 for any seniors who missed the first clinic. Forms are available at the center.

Anyone with questions should call the board of health at 623-8299.

Men's Breakfast: The men's group will hold their monthly breakfast on Friday, Nov. 17 at 8:30 a.m. This month's topic is "Winter Wellness and Workouts" with guest speakers Michael Burke and Jim Kallio. Whether you're just getting ready to shovel snow or preparing for cross-country skiing, come and get some beneficial tips. All interested senior men are cordially invited to make a reservation for \$3.

Newcomers Informational Coffee Hour: The next newcomers' informational coffee hour will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Anyone

Flu Shot date: Nov. 16

The Board of Health will conduct a flu shot clinic for Andover residents today, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the Andover High School Fieldhouse.

Anyone with questions should call the Board of Health at 623-8299.

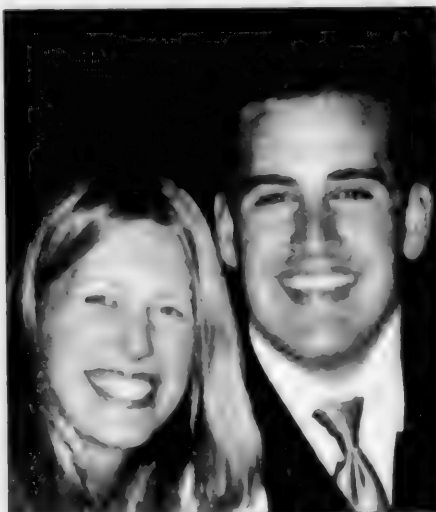
desiring more information about programs, services, trips, activities, or classes at the center, is welcome to attend.

Winter Semester Registration: Registration for the winter semester of exercise classes will take place the week of Nov. 27. Please plan to drop by the center during the above time if you are interested in any of the following classes: Yoga, women's strength training, line dance, tai chi, water workout, men's exercise, or low impact aerobics.

ENGAGEMENTS



**Thomas D. Kenney and
Mary Ann Frechette**



**Sheri Culver and
James Mattiucci**



**Allison Cohen and
Dell Faulkingham**



**Deanne Gianelly and
Joel Porter**

Frechette-Kenney

Mary Ann Frechette and Thomas D. Kenney, both of Methuen, announce their engagement.

Ms. Frechette is the daughter of Omer and Lorraine Frechette Sr. of Methuen. She is a graduate of North Shore Community College where she earned an associate's degree in fire science. She is a firefighter for the town of Andover.

Mr. Kenney is the son of Frank and Audrey Kenney Sr. of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Andover. He graduated from UMass Amherst where he earned a bachelor's degree in math. He is a teacher in Wilmington.

The couple plan to marry sometime in the future.

Culver-Mattiucci

Ernest W. and Carol L. Culver, of Albuquerque, N.M., and formerly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheri L. Culver, to James J. Mattiucci II, son of Sandra D. and James J. Mattiucci, Sr. of Wakefield, R.I.

Ms. Culver, of Stamford, Conn., is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and LaSorbonne, Paris, France. She is an interior designer and retail shop manager for Rinfret Home and Garden, Greenwich, Conn.

Mr. Mattiucci is also a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and is self-employed.

The couple, who were engaged in Paris, plan a June wedding.

Cohen-Faulkingham

Paula and Neal Cohen of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Allison Jill Cohen of Uxbridge, to Dell Justin Faulkingham, also of Uxbridge. He is the son of Caroline and Donald Faulkingham of Milton Mills, N.H.

Ms. Cohen graduated from Andover High School in 1989, UMass Amherst in 1994, and earned a master's degree from Fitchburg State College in 1997. She is a fifth-grade teacher for the Uxbridge Public Schools.

Mr. Faulkingham is a 1991 graduate of Sanborn Regional High School in Kingston, N.H., and a 1995 graduate of the University of Georgia. He is a specialty representative at Forest Pharmaceuticals.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Gianelly-Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gianelly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanne Jean Gianelly, to Joel Scott Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Porter of Melrose.

Ms. Gianelly is a graduate of Andover High School and is employed by Market Basket.

Mr. Porter is a graduate of Everett High School and a graduate of the Computer Learning Center of Somerville.

He is also employed by Market Basket.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Crooks engagements announced

Robert and Linda Crooks of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Lynn Crooks, to Dennis Edward Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ann Hart of Lowell.

Mr. Crooks is a 1984 graduate of Andover High School.

She is a graduate of Andover High School and a 1984 graduate of San Diego State University.

Mr. Hart is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1990 graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

He is employed as a regional account executive by Comstar Technologies Inc. in Waltham.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Robert and Linda Crooks also announce

the engagement of their son, Anthony Cesar Crooks, to JoAnne Doris Desbiens, daughter of Gillis Desbiens of Plantation, Fla., and Jeannette Desbiens of East Lyme, Conn.

Mr. Desbiens is a 1988 graduate of East Lyme High School and a 1993 graduate of San Diego State University.

She is employed as a project manager by eventpro.com of Arlington.

Mr. Crooks is a 1990 graduate of Andover High School and a 1996 graduate of Northeastern University, with a bachelor of science degree in finance.

He is employed as a research analyst by First Call in Boston.

The couple plan a Sept. 22 wedding in Natick, Conn.

Ross family celebrates 45th anniversary

Bob and Barbara (Waldie) Ross, lifelong residents of Andover, celebrated their 45th anniversary Sept. 10.

Barbara Ross is retired from the Doherty Middle School cafeteria. Bob Ross is a retired postal worker and a World War II veteran.

They have four children: son Bob Ross of North Andover; daughter-in-law Terrie

Ross of Andover; daughter Heather Ross of Hilliard, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Allen Heiferman of Lake Worth, Fla.; and daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Scotty Dunlap of Shakopee, Minn.

They have four grandchildren: Stephanie (14) and Mike (11) Ross of Andover; and Nicole (10) and Leah (3) Heiferman of Lake Worth, Fla.



**Stephanie Weiner and
Daniel Lerman**

Weiner-Lerman

Judy and Lee Weiner of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Weiner, to Daniel Lerman, son of Barbara and Larry Lerman of Larchmont, N.Y.

Ms. Weiner is a graduate of Phillips Academy and Brown University. She attends Northwestern University Law School.

Mr. Lerman is a graduate of Mamaronck High School and Brown University. He is working on his doctorate in biology at the University of Chicago.

The couple plan a May wedding.

SEND A LINK TO A FRIEND — Andover High reunion information is uploaded weekly to the Education pages on the Townsman Web site: www.andovertownsman.com

Hippo in My Locker

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*I'll do everything I should.
There is no form of torture.
So inhumane and cruel.
As forcing me to practice
The piano after school."*

Nathan thinks it's great to see kids laugh when they read his book, and he likes to see loads of pencils writing furiously during his creative-writing workshops that often accompany his visits to local schools. He especially likes to reach out to kids who have trouble paying attention in school.

"Those are the kids who end up with low self-esteem. They get criticized for not paying attention, like I was," said Nathan.

Diagnosed with attention deficit disorder as an adult, Nathan knows first-hand what it's like to lose focus in school. Those types of kids were indeed on his mind when he wrote the book.

"I do writing workshops with kids and when we talk about how to get out of the starting blocks when you have writer's block, I tell them it's okay to write about something they like or dislike or to write a funny poem," he said. "Whatever it takes. I just like to see them writing."

It's the fun and exaggeration of *There's a Hippo in My Locker* that appeals to kids, said Dara Casey, an Andover mother of four, who chairs the cultural affairs committee at Bancroft School. She organized Nathan's visit to the school in September. He met with fourth- and fifth-grade students, who laughed and giggled their way through his reading. At least 100 books were sold after the event.

"Kids don't have a chance to be silly and goofy at school so the event was fun for them. And so many topics in the book are ones that they could relate to, like the story about the doctor visit,"

Casey said. "The book definitely got attention."

Nathan has also visited Sanborn and West elementary schools and is scheduled to visit South School today. He has also visited schools in California, where he found that West Coast kid humor is pretty much the same as East Coast. Book orders have been solid there, he said.

Plans are in the works for a second book for Nathan, a self-published father of two children and two step-children, who works full-time as a software marketing executive for Cadence Design Systems in Chelmsford.

He typically writes late at night, starting after 10.

Usually, he starts one of his short, funny stories with an ending punch line and works backward. He's sleep deprived, definitely, but said it's gratifying to see his book is a hometown hit.

It's a family affair, too. Nathan is married to Jackie Orent-Nathan, who was the chief sounding board for the book. Their family includes Jill Nathan, 18, now a student at the University of Maine who illustrated the book; and Craig Nathan, 11, Shayna Orent, 10, and Brendon Orent, 13. Shayna, who attends Sanborn School, is starring as Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* after an obviously successful poem-reading audition of a poem from the book entitled *My Pet Elephant*. Meanwhile, Craig, a student at West Middle School, is playing the role of the bumbling executioner in *Aladdin*.

Of course, Nathan will see the show and probably think about his MJT connections. Those connections are numerous. Adults connected to the troupe were the first to suggest he write a book about his funny audition poems. Naturally, there will also be loads of actors appearing on stage whose Nathan-assisted one-minute poem auditions were a hit.

There's a Hippo in My Locker costs \$7.95 and is available at Andover Bookstore, or on-line at <amazon.com> and <www.chucklebooks.com>.

MILITARY NEWS

Andover native retires from Air Force

Paul Jamison, son of Grace and James Jamison of Dascomb Road and a 1980 graduate of Andover High School, has retired after 20 years with the US Air Force.

He retired with the rank of Technical Sergeant (TSgt) E-6.

His assignments included Camp New Amsterdam, Holland; Pease Air Force Base, New Hampshire; Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Ruppertsweiler, Germany

(NATO); Pil Sung Range, South Korea; Eareckson Air Station, Shemya Island Alaska; and Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Jamison received a bachelor's degree in computer science cum laude from Hawaii Pacific University and an associate's degree in information systems management from the Community College of the Air Force.

He plans a career as a communications and computer systems specialist.



Paul Jamison received his retirement certificate from the 15th Communications Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Gruber.

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OBITUARIES

Francis C. Carroll Formerly of North Andover

Francis C. Carroll, 59, of Andover, and formerly of North Andover, died Thursday, Nov. 9 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Lawrence and educated in North Andover, Mr. Carroll was interested in wildlife and birds.

Members of his family include two sisters, Olivia Runge of Sandown, N.H., and Rita C. Maglione of West Newbury; two brothers, Robert J. Carroll of North Andover and William D. Carroll of Atkinson, N.H., and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours.

Arrangements were by John Breen Funeral Home, North Andover.

Harriet Victoria VanAuken

Volunteer worked with people with disabilities

Harriet Victoria VanAuken, 95, died Thursday, Nov. 9 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

She was born in Bloomfield, N.J., and was educated in the local schools. She volunteered most of her

time to helping the blind and people with disabilities.

She was the widow of Howard Charles VanAuken, and members of her family include her daughter, Joan A. Webber of Georgetown; a son, Charles H. VanAuken of Gloucester; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral arrangements were by the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc.

Wellington H. Tinker Retired youth services director of Lawrence YMCA

Wellington H. "Bill" Tinker of Ocala, Fla. and formerly of Andover, died Friday, Oct. 13 in Ocala.

Mr. Tinker was born in Ann Arbor, Mich., graduated from high school in Montclair, N.J., and also graduated from Springfield College in Springfield.

In 1957, Mr. Tinker moved to Andover and he assumed the position of youth services director of the Lawrence YMCA.

He served as the director of Camp Lawrence, a YMCA summer camp for boys on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H.

Under his stewardship, the YMCA

camping program expanded from two camps to eight, including Camp Nakomis for girls, two family camp programs, and international travel camps.

He retired from the YMCA in 1972 and moved to his wife's hometown of Ocala.

Members of his family include his wife of 63 years, Margaret H. Tinker; a brother, Philip B. Tinker of Ocala; a son, David W. Tinker of Albuquerque, N.M.; and one grandson.

Tucker memorial service set

A memorial service for Eleanor Morin Tucker, 87, of Essex, a former faculty member of Abbott Academy in Andover, will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. in the First Congregational Church, 29 Main St., Essex.

She died Friday, Oct. 27, at home, following a long illness. Members of her family include her nephew, John Dise and his wife, Sue, of Andover.

Archaeology meeting Tuesday

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy will co-sponsor a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, Main Street.

The program, "The Center for Connecticut River Archaeology," is open to the public free of charge.

The speaker, Wesley R. Stinson, is the director of the Sargent Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Newport, N.H. He will speak about the late Woodland Hunter Site Occupation and the Contact Period Wigwam Floors at the Site of Fort #4 in Charleston, N.H.

The Massachusetts Archaeological Society - Northeast Chapter, meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Membership to the Massachusetts Archaeological Society and the Northeast Chapter is open to all those who interested in furthering their study of archaeology and Native American cultural history.

For additional information, call the Robert S. Peabody Museum at 749-4490.

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Frederick J. Stevenson, 67
Theresa Szabo, 88
Wellington H. Tinker
Ann B. Tishler, 81
Harriet Victoria VanAuken, 95

Deaths Elsewhere

FURTADO - Rhonda J. Furtado, 46, of Chester, N.H., died Thursday, Nov. 9 at home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Furtado was a manager with First Eastern Mortgage Co. in Andover.

JONES - Ana Luisa Jones, 42, of Lawrence, died Sunday, Nov. 12 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Jones worked at Raytheon Co. in Andover for several years.

MOREHOUSE - E. Doris (Dunnells) Morehouse, 99, formerly of Bradford, died Tuesday, Nov. 7 at The Oxford in Haverhill.

Members of her family include a niece, Judy M. Colmer, and a grand-niece, Judy Avery, both of Andover.

NUGENT - Marion E. (Slattery) Nugent, 69, of North Andover, died Monday, Nov. 13 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Laura A. and Kevin Currier of Andover.

O'NEILL - Jeannie R. (Phillips) O'Neill, 83, formerly of North Reading, died Friday, Nov. 10 at Winchester Hospital.

Mrs. O'Neill worked at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover.

STEVENSON - Frederick J. "Steve" Stevenson, 67, of Hampton, N.H. and formerly of North Andover, died Friday, Nov. 10 at his daughter's home.

Members of his family include his sister, Dorothy Birtles of Andover.

SZABO - Theresa (Fustos) Szabo, 88, of Dracut, died Sunday, Nov. 12 at Glenwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lowell after a brief illness.

Members of her family include her daughter, Emma I. Balog, and her granddaughter, Suzanne B. and her husband, Stephen Ingram, all of Andover.

TISHLER - Ann B. Tishler, 81, of Ocean, N.J., died Monday, Nov. 13 at her son's home in New Jersey following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Tishler worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for nearly 15 years. Members of her family include her son, Andrew Tishler and his wife Marcella Feinman, of Andover.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Fall book sale at Memorial Hall Library

Due to the large number of book donations this year, Memorial Hall Library will hold a fall book sale of adult, youth and children's books.

The sale will be Nov. 17-19 (Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m.). For more information, call Norma Gammon at 623-8401, Ext. 49.

"Our holding shelves are overflowing with hundreds of practically new and used books," organizers said.

"Here is an opportunity to stock up on your winter reading. We have never had a larger collection of children's books."

ACA's Holiday Open House is Dec. 8

The Andover Center Association will holding its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Organizers suggest that townspeople kick off their holiday shopping and enjoy refreshments offered by more than 65 downtown Andover businesses.

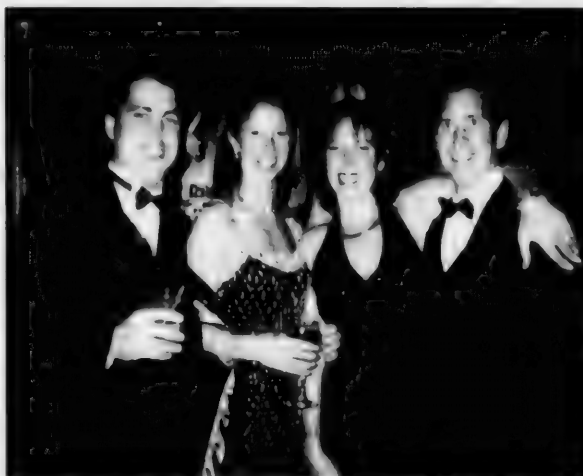
For more information, call Tom Keefe at 475-7872.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, Dec. 16

The Center Association will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa the following week, on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.

"Come join in the fun, have breakfast and your picture taken with Santa. Let him know how good you've been this year and what you would like to find under your Christmas tree!" said Tom Keefe.

For more information, call Keefe at 475-7872.



Robert and Daryl M. Price and Terri and Gary Guenard enjoy the evening at the 48th annual Andona Ball at the Stevens Estate in North Andover. (Middle photo) Katie Smidt played her flute while Julia Jo Kwolyk awaits her turn to entertain guests at the ball with her violin. (Right photo) Performing in their string quartet, Bjorn Buschan, Melvin Houang, Myndi Houng, and Megan Prado, all from Phillips Academy, entertained the 321 guests at the ball.



Andona Ball a success

Andona's Candlelight Enchantment Ball, held at the Stevens Estate in North Andover, was a success. Organizers said more than \$9,000 was raised for the youth of Andover through the generosity of Andona members, guests and 20 talented musicians from Andover High School, Phillips Academy, and West Middle School.

Elegantly dressed attendees were treated to a magician's sleight-of-hand and many performances from students playing violins, flutes, guitars, piano, keyboard, harp and singing throughout the evening. Many other Andover youths were involved in the evening, from a butler at the front door to tuxedo-dressed parking lot attendants helping to make this special night a true Andover community event.

Historical Society plans holiday open house

The Andover Historical Society will hold its fourth annual,

newly expanded Holiday Customs and Winter Traditions Open House, from Dec. 6 to 10. The event features historic ethnic decorations and refreshments. Take in a complimentary tour of the 1820 Amos Blanchard Museum House and Barn. Displays

will include diverse celebrations and historic toys. Taste the homemade holiday refreshments celebrating cultures from different parts of the world. Visitors can also bid on more than 35 silent-auction items including gift certificates to local stores,

restaurants and services, art work, and lots more. Proceeds from the auction support Andover Historical Society programs.

Complimentary tours will be held from Dec. 6 to 10 while a Family Day Celebra-

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MILITARY NEWS

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Silva completes Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Keith T. Silva, a 1999 graduate of Greater Lawrence Technical School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Silva successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Silva and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Silva spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and assorted weapons training.

Silva and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution that culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time.

Business

Business briefs...

As guest, resident doctor gives birth to TV career

Andover resident Charlene Lyndon, an obstetrician gynecologist at Holy Family Hospital, is the guest speaker on a new health-related program airing on cable this week.

Lyndon appears on Boston Catholic Television, the television station of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. The program is called *Caritas Christi HealthLink*, and is an interview-type production of the Caritas Christi Health Care System. Holy Family Hospital is a member of the system.

The 30-minute program began airing Monday, Nov. 13 and continues through Sunday, Nov. 19. Lyndon will be discussing pregnancy and childbirth.

Suffolk sheriff's counsel

Melissa J. Garand has been appointed general counsel at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department.

An 11-year veteran of the department, Garand has served as deputy general counsel since 1994 and was most recently acting general counsel.

"Melissa has been an outstanding member of our legal team," Sheriff Richard J. Rouse said in a release. "She is a skilled attorney and has performed admirably when representing the department in the various issues that have come before us."



Melissa Garand

Garand has represented the department and the city of Boston in the defense of negligence, discrimination, civil rights, employee discipline, and unfair labor practices.

An Andover resident, she received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1986 from Northeastern University and a doctorate from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1989.

Daggett makes VP

Elizabeth Daggett joins Lapham Miller of Andover as vice president of account services, according to Chip Reeves, president of the marketing communications company.



Elizabeth Daggett

Prior to joining the company, Daggett worked as managing consultant for Breakaway Solutions in Boston, specializing in developing branding for e-business enterprises.

Daggett has a bachelor's degree in mass communications and international relations from Boston University.

Focus on artists at Post Office Avenue's Helen Thomas

Town of gift shops, welcomes 'gift gallery'

By Jennifer Lappin

Helen Thomas, *Simply Smashing* sounds like the title of the latest Broadway musical. Although theatrical in nature, however, it's a contemporary art gift shop located on Post Office Avenue in downtown Andover.

Owner Lisa Guido-Schiavone describes much of her inventory as an "eclectic and whimsical mixture of sculptures, glassware, functional art, pottery, journals, and Underground Velvet scarves, mittens and bags."

Helen is Guido-Schiavone's middle name and the first name of her grandmother. Thomas is first name of Lisa's husband. Put them together and one has the name for Guido-Schiavone's brainchild. "I just liked how it sounded," she explained.

With several gift shops operating out of downtown Andover, Lisa Guido-Schiavone hopes to distinguish herself from her competition by putting a unique twist on the common gift shop, and opening what she calls, "a gift gallery."

She said, "I think a little competition is good and there's a strong retail base in Andover to build on."

Guido-Schiavone spent the last seven years working as an artist sales representative, going to New England museum stores, gift shops and galleries and selling artists' lines. When asked how she made the



Photo by Tim Jean

New arrival — Owner Lisa Guido-Schiavone is hoping her new gift shop Helen Thomas, *Simply Smashing* delivers quite an impact, from its location on Post Office Avenue.

leap to opening her own gift shop in Andover, she replied, "I was tired of being on the road; my mom is from Andover and I'm from Lawrence; I saw this spot open, and I like the downtown area."

Seven years experience has given

Guido-Schiavone ample time to develop her eye for art and what New Englanders are looking to showcase in their homes.

Now, she finds herself on the gift-shop side of the equation, stocking

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Center for cognitive and emotional health expands to area Hallowell Center says hello to Andover

The Hallowell Center for Cognitive and Emotional Health has expanded to 21 Central St.

Ned Hallowell is the director of the Hallowell Center and best-selling author of eight books, including *Driven to Distraction*, *When You Worry About the Child You Love*, and *Connect*.

The Hallowell Center is committed to diagnosing and treating cognitive and emotional problems in both children and adults, according to its members. Its staff "specializes in the treatment of attention deficit disorder (ADD) and worry/anxiety using a bal-

anced treatment approach integrating knowledge about the brain, emotion, and the importance of human connection," according to the center.

Hallowell has been featured on national television, including appearances on *Dateline* and *20/20*.

He will be at Austin Preparatory School in Reading on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. The lecture will be open to the public and will include a 30-minute question-and-answer session. Hallowell, Theresa Cerulli, and Paul Sorgi, co-founders of the Hallowell Center in Andover, will announce the opening of the new practice location.

Cerulli is a graduate of Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Program and Fellowships in Medical Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry. She received the 1997 Harvard Residency Teaching Award and has published several journal articles in the *Harvard Review of Psychiatry*.

Cerulli is on staff at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Faulkner Hospital, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, in addition to her



Partners and founders— Paul Sorgi and Theresa Cerulli.

practice at the Hallowell Center.

Sorgi is a graduate of Tufts Medical School and a Harvard Residency Program in adult psychiatry. He is board certified in psychiatry and has served on the faculties of Harvard and the University of Massachusetts medical schools. He is the founder of Sorgi Associates, a group psychiatric practice, as well as co-founder of the Hallowell Center.

For more information, call the Hallowell Center at (978) 287-0810, or 474-6270.

Opening occasion — Ned Hallowell will give a lecture on ADD on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Austin Preparatory School.



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Attorney Jay D. Raxenberg is a general practice attorney, specializing in domestic relations. The areas of family law in which he concentrates include divorce, custody, restraining orders, child support, alimony, visitation, abuse and protection orders, prenuptial agreements, paternity, Department of Revenue grievances, modifications, and grandparents' visitation.

There are many things to consider when selecting a lawyer to represent you during difficult times such as divorce. Attorney Raxenberg's experience and ability guarantees his clients quality representation, and what is also important, he understands the need to provide personalized service. He states, "During our ini-

tial consultation I try to ease the fear and anxiety of a difficult situation by fully informing my clients of the process so they know what to expect. One of my roles as attorney is to make my client feel as comfortable as possible while going through a very stressful experience. I tell all my present and potential clients that I will accommodate their schedules by making myself available on weekends and evenings, and that they can expect the courtesy of having their telephone calls returned by the end of the day. One of the most frequent complaints that attorneys receive is failure to return telephone calls. I want my clients to be confident and secure, which means that when they need to speak to me I will be available. My

clients know that I am protecting them and this enables them to focus on protecting their loved ones."

Attorney Raxenberg is also of counsel to the law firm of Boudreau, Mitchell & Davis, who specialize in bankruptcy law.

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New business is Simply Smashing

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Graduates of the Rhode Island School of Design create much of the store's jewelry line.

"I'm always looking for new work, so if there's any artists in Andover, please drop by the store," said Guido Schiavone.

When posed with question, "What is your favorite piece in the store?" Guido Schiavone responded with the hesitancy and indecision that would seem to accompany the question, "Who is the favorite of your children?"

She couldn't single one out, but did rave about the Leandra Drumm designs available at Helen Thomas, Simply Smashing. The Leandra Drumm lines have, "funky glass goblets, wine and champagne glasses, and vases dry etched with unique images like animals, people or leafs, and she has whimsical Goldie Locks and the three bears measuring spoons," she says.



Photo by Tim Jean

Moo, your steak's done — Animal cooking timers are among the gifts at Post Office Avenue's newest shop, Helen Thomas.

Helen Thomas, Simply Smashing made its debut last Saturday. Guido Schiavone calls the store, "my work in progress," and so operational hours are not set in stone.

She plans to have it open Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to

6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sun noon to 6 p.m. It will be closed on Mondays.

Guido Schiavone expects to have a wassailing party open house Dec. 7-9 with holiday cookies and apple cider. For further information call 475-7981.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY



Photo by Tim Jean

Chow line — Andover workers and residents gathered to sample the offerings of local chefs at the Andover Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Andover event, last Wednesday night, after Townsman presstime.

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Sports

Roundup: Girls swim team blows competition out of the water

By Rick Harrison

It's said that winning a title is hard but defending it is even harder.

The Andover High girls swim and dive team just blew that axiom right out of the water.

As anticipated, the defending state champions moved a giant stroke closer to a perfect season by lapping the 19-school field on the way to their second straight MIAA North Sectional Meet team title at Haverhill High's Charles White Natatorium.

With All-American sisters Sally and Connie Brown winning two events each, Sally setting two meet records, and the dynamic one-meter diving performances of Jen Busby, Jen Ambro and Kristen Elmore — the Lady Warriors piled up 375 points to annihilate runner-up Acton-Boxboro by a staggering 111 points.

A-B finished with 264 points and no other team scored more than 200.

Holly Boucher and Liz Mancuso were the other AHS individual winners.

All told Andover placed first in 10 of the 12 events, established three new meet records and the Brown sisters had a hand in seven of the wins (two relays each).

"Today feels even better than last year," said coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "Last year the major emotion was shock. This is more about satisfaction and accomplishment. Seeing just how well the kids would do and appreciating the total team effort."

It may have been the new Aqua Blade swim suits, similar to those worn by the 2000 U.S. Olympic team and purchased by parents of all Andover sectional and state meet qualifiers, that made the Lady Warriors swim faster.

Or maybe it was coach Fitzgerald's gaudy yellow, blue and white sneakers.

"I bought 'em a couple years ago and we haven't lost a meet since," said the Lady Warriors' coach. "I wear them to every competition." (PS: They haven't been washed yet).

Actually, forget the suits and sneakers and chalk it up to pure talent.

As North Sectional meet director Rick Battistini noted, "This is the best high school girls swim team I've seen in the Northeast in my 33 years of coaching."

Coach Fitzgerald explained earlier this season — and reiterated after the North Sectionals: "It's a wonderful accident of birth that we have so many great girl swimmers and divers living at the same time in the same town. And boy, is it fun!"

Elsewhere, the AHS girls volleyball, girls soccer and boys soccer teams ended successful seasons as all but one tournament qualifier must each year — with a loss.

The volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision to Chelmsford in an MIAA Division 1 North Tournament semifinal round match.

Girls soccer confronted undefeated defending state champ Newton North with one of its toughest obstacles of the season, but a controversial

judgment call by the officials in an overtime shootout helped Newton secure a 1-0 Division 1 North semifinal victory over Andover.

In boys soccer, the Golden Warriors had to play back-to-back games on consecutive days and were worn down in the second half of the second contest as once-beaten Beverly posted a 3-1 Division 1 North triumph.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

The season-ending All-State Meet will be this Sunday at Wellesley College, with the diving competition beginning at 9 a.m. and the first race scheduled off the blocks at 2:30 p.m.

Like the North Sectionals, it should be Andover in a landslide with everyone else battling for second place.

AHS has qualified an amazing 26 athletes for the All-State Meet.

"We'll have 22 girls at the meet, which means four that qualified can't compete because there is a limited number you can enter in each event," said coach Fitzgerald.

All-Conference

Sophomore Connie Brown has been unanimously voted the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 Swimmer of the Year for the second straight season.

The Lady Warriors placed a remarkable nine swimmers on the 2000 All-Conference Team and four others on the All-Star squad.

All-Conference selections, in addition to Connie, were junior Sally Brown, junior Holly Boucher, freshman Liz Mancuso, sophomore Lauren Harlow, sophomore Holly Hinds, sophomore Caitlin Geary and senior divers Jen Busby and Jenny Ambro.

All-Star selections were junior diver Kristen Elmore, senior Capt. Beth Couture, freshman Amy Caron and sophomore Caitlin Hamer.

North Sectional Meet

Olympic Trials veteran Sally Brown came so close to breaking the five-minute barrier in the 500-yard freestyle, posting a meet-record time of 5:00.31, which is also better than the existing state record of 5:01.42 set four years ago by Acton-Boxboro's Lindsay Wolf.

"Sally is definitely looking to break five minutes at the state meet," said coach Fitzgerald. "She doesn't usually make statements like that — but she has set a target time for herself at Wellesley that is a very formidable challenge."

"Before today's meet Sally predicted what she would swim and she did it to the second."

Sally also won the 200 IM in a meet-record 2:05.49, which is an eyelash above the state-record time of 2:05.39 established by Katie McCann of Bishop Feehan last November.

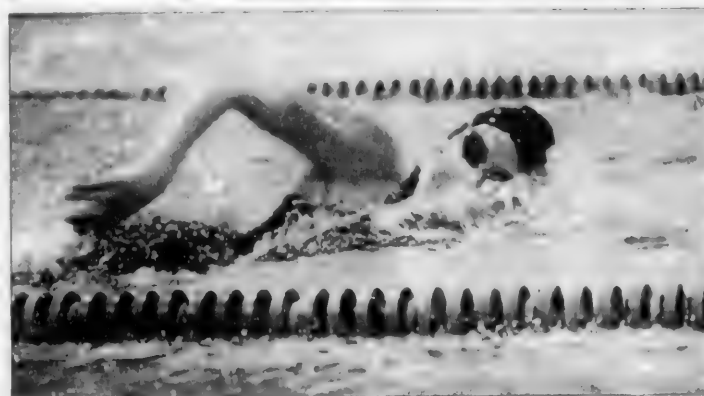
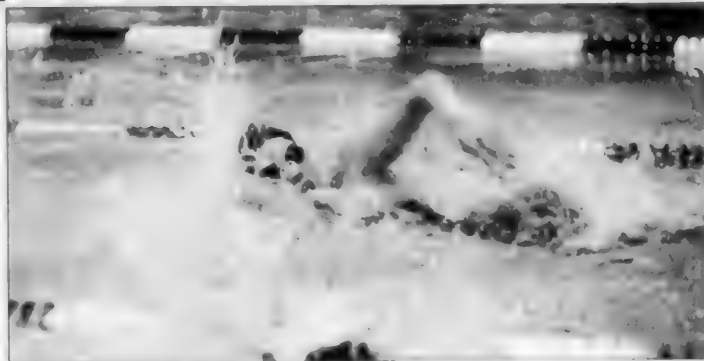
Brown beat Belmont High's talented Whitney Ryan in the process, the state runner-up last year and previous North Sectional recordholder, by more than two seconds.

State and North Sectional record-



Photos by Tim Jean

Above, Sally Brown hugs coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. Above right, Lauren Harlow earns sixth place in the 200-yard freestyle. Right, Monika Eghbalian sets a personal-best in the 200-yard IM.



The Lady Warriors grabbed three of the top four places in the one-meter diving, coach Mary Schissel's crew led by button-cute defending North Sectional and state champ Jen Busby who chalked up 466.85 points.

She was 22 points better than second place Andrea DePhillips of Acton-Boxboro, who was followed by the Andover duo of Jenny Ambro (418.70 points) and Kristen Elmore (402.35).

Gretchen Fuhr gave the locals four of the top eight when she finished eighth (315.50 points).

Becky Hass will join the AHS diving corps at the All-State Meet.

Defending state champ Holly Boucher was tops in the 100 free (53.73), and she gave reigning state 100 breaststroke champ Whitney Ryan a run for her money in that event. Ryan touched first in 1:06.84 and Boucher second in 1:07.77.

Freshman Liz Mancuso won the 50 free sprint (24.68) by almost a full second and was runner-up in the 100 fly (1:00.68).

Her time in the 50 free was not far off the oldest North Sectional record still in the book, a 24.26 ironically posted by Andover's Lauren Lazarette 17 years ago in 1983.

Caitlin Geary was second in the 200 freestyle, her 1:56.95 clocking a split-second behind winner Amy Roberts of Acton-Boxboro (1:56.15). Geary also took 11th in the 100 free (57.42).

Hinds earned third in the 100 breast (1:09.96) and fourth in the 200 IM (2:14.27).

Caron was fifth in the 200 IM (2:18.62) and made it three of the top five places in the 100 breast with a fifth (1:11.48).

Lauren Harlow earned sixth in the 200 free (1:59.55) and eighth in the

100 fly (1:03.21), while Caitlin Hamer finished seventh in the 200 free (2:00.23) and eighth in the 100 free (57.42).

Ellie Browne placed seventh in the 500 free (5:33.22) and Couture seventh in the 50 free (26.19).

Hilary Schofield finished ninth in the 100 backstroke (1:05.83).

Jamie Kapelson placed 10th in the 500 free (5:35.40), Erica Douvadjian 10th in the 50 free (26.54) and Dana Medaglio 10th in the 100 breast (1:13.54).

Edie Muller was 13th in the 100 free (58.51) and Jackie Leahy 13th in the 500 free (5:41.21).

Monika Eghbalian placed 11th in the 200 IM (2:23.38) and 19th in the 100 fly (1:06.35).

Lauren Kapelson finished 22nd (1:08.60) and Matia Kostakis 24th (1:09.27) in the 100 backstroke.

"I'd say 85 percent of our times today were best swims," said Fitzgerald. "Schofield dropped three seconds off her time in the backstroke and swam a state cut. Ellie Browne shattered her personal-best in the 500 free and Eghbalian's 200 IM was a personal-best by a lot."

"It was just an awesome day and everyone on the team was a part of it. We also had by far the largest contingent of parents and the noise level of the cheering was spectacular."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Another successful season recently came to a close for the Andover High girls varsity volleyball team, which won 20 matches for the third straight year before succumbing to Chelmsford 3-0 in the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament semifinals.

No matter what the sport only a handful of Massachusetts high school teams claim 20 wins in a season.

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AHS ROUNDUP

We had hoped to go all the way to the state title but bottom line is we had another great year," said head coach George Sullivan.

Andover finished at 20-3 this fall and is now 61-7 the past three years following a 300 season in 1997 when the locals did not have a home gym because of construction at the high school.

This was also Andover's second straight appearance in

the North semifinals.

The showdown with archrival Chelmsford was set up after AHS disposed of Peabody in the first round and Merrimack Valley Conference for Lowell in the quarterfinals, both matches at the Dunn Gym and both easy romps.

MVC Division 1 champ Chelmsford also rolled to a pair of earlier 3-0 tourney sweeps, of Lawrence and Melrose High to reach the division semifinals.

Last month the Lions snapped Andover's 36-match regular season win streak with a 2-1 victory, rallying from an 8-2 third-game deficit to win, 16-14.

The Lions also beat Andover 2-1 to clinch the MVC title 17 days later, with a 17-15 overtime victory in game one keying the Oct. 30 victory.

For Andover, payback would have been sweet but it just wasn't to be.

It was the final high school volleyball match for talented seniors Robin Young, Michelle Leahy, Amanda Camello and Maura McCurdy.

Awards banquet

The annual team awards banquet, at which several major trophies will be presented and next year's captains named, is scheduled for next Monday night, Nov. 20 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Andover Country Club.

MIAA TOURNAMENT

NORTH SEMIFINAL Chelmsford 3 Andover 0

The Lions had too much finesse and firepower on this night as they swept past Andover 15-11, 15-9 and 15-10 before a large crowd at the Chelmsford High gym.

"Our kids left everything they had on the floor," said coach Sullivan. "But Chelmsford was absolutely outstanding. They had an answer for everything we tried."

"All three games were close until the end when Chelmsford took off and scored the final four or five points," said Sullivan. "We couldn't sustain any momentum."

"The Chelmsford players didn't serve as hard as they can, but we were letting the ball drop to the floor too often," continued Sullivan. "We did a good job digging up their hits, but we didn't pass well and we had 11 bad serves."

The Lady Warriors were off target with four serves in the first game

and five in the second game.

"We had some nightmarish serving problems the second half of the season," admitted the coach.

The enormity of the match may have led to some tentativeness in the locals' play.

"Our kids lost concentration a few times along the way," said Sullivan. "They stopped communicating on the court."

"We were within two points (9-7) late in the first game when the ball dropped between two players. Neither moved for it. Then we made a serving mistake and froze again on a ball that fell between players."

"I had already called two timeouts so we had to ride with the situation. Those things are part of the game — but if players keep talking it usually doesn't happen," said Sullivan.

Chelmsford coach Dana DeFilippo said her team tried to be as cerebral as it was physical.

"How we approach a match mentally is a big factor for us," said DeFilippo. "We watch films, analyze the opposing defense and see how their outside hitters attack the ball."

"We had Plan A and Plan B against Andover because they use two different lineups."

Andover trailed only

12-11 in the first game before Chelmsford scored the last three points following nine sideouts. It was 9-7 late in game two and tied 8-8 midway through the final game.

When all the smoke had cleared Julie Marvin was the top AHS hitter with 33-for-37 and 18 kills, while Capt. Robin Young went 25-for-30 with 11 kills.

Shannon Sweeney contributed 23-for-26 hitting with 13 kills, Megan Pinksten 18-for-22 with six kills and freshman Ashley McLaughlin 11-for-12 with five kills.

Sullivan juggled the lineup in an attempt to get something going.

"They all played hard, but a couple of our kids were just not pounding the ball down to the floor with their usual authority. We lost the right-side attack and after that happened we became predictable."

Capt. Michelle Leahy was 4-for-4 hitting and Andrea Manners 3-for-3.

Sweeney produced a perfect 21-for-21 serving. Leahy was 14-for-16, Marvin 11-for-13, Maura McCurdy 10-for-11, Young 9-for-9 and Amanda Camello 6-for-10. Hilary Cohen also went 3-for-4 and Jackie Barry 2-for-3.

Leahy and Camello served up two aces each.

In the serve-receive department, Sweeney finished 26-for-29 and Marvin 26-for-30.

"Chelmsford kept sending the ball at Marvin and Sweeney trying to wear them down," said Sullivan. "They did the same to Marvin and Young the last time we played."

"Sweeney was the MVP of the match for us. She had her best night."

Sullivan lauded the play of Chelmsford's Kendall Rizzo, who joined Robin Young as co-MVPs of Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 this fall.

"Rizzo made them go," said Sullivan. "She

played solid defense and was making saves all over the court."

Indeed, Rizzo finished the match with a team-high 32 assists and nine service points.

Becky Ciulla added 14 kills for the Lions while she, Lauren Dufresne and Ellen Makarevich had 11 digs each. Kristen Hajjar was credited with 14 of Chelmsford's 64 digs.

"Our kids are smooth and even-tempered on the court — and that helps," said DeFilippo. "They don't get upset and they don't try to get in an opponent's face, either."

Three Chelmsford players, including Rizzo and Kristen Dowling, are very familiar to Sullivan. They were members of the Northeast Scholastic team he coached to a gold medal in the Bay State Games last summer.

"After the match we met at the net and shook hands," said Sullivan. "They're great kids. I was sad for us but had to be happy for them."

Season Statistics

Following are the final hitting and serving statistics for the 12 AHS varsity players during the 23 matches in the 2000 season.

• Robin Young: 417-for-467 hitting (89 percent) with a team-high 143 kills; 205-for-216 serving (95 percent) with 30 aces.

• Julie Marvin: 356-for-406 hitting (88 percent) with 108 kills; 166-for-188 serving (88 percent) with 33 aces.

• Shannon Sweeney: 188-for-209 hitting (90 percent) with 63 kills; 204-for-211 serving (97 percent) with 25 aces.

• Megan Pinksten: 184-for-213 hitting (86 percent) with 52 kills; 1-for-1 serving.

• Michelle Leahy: 87-for-93 hitting (94 percent) with 26 kills; 217-for-238 serving (91 percent) with a team-high 56 aces.

• Andrea Manners: 77-for-97 hitting (79 percent) with 21 kills; 13-for-17 serving (76.5 percent) with two aces.



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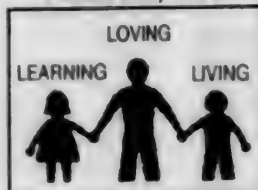
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ROUNDUP

• Ashley McLaughlin: 58-for-66 hitting (88 percent) with 14 kills; 10-for-11 serving (91 percent).

• Meagan Merinder: 20-for-23 hitting (87 percent) with three kills; 6-for-8 serving (75 percent) with one ace.

• Jackie Barry: 14-for-18 hitting (78 percent) with one kill; 16-for-22 serving (73 percent) with two aces.

• Maura McCurdy: 12-for-16 hitting (75 percent); 134-for-153 serving (87 percent) with 15 aces.

• Amanda Camelio: 10-for-18 hitting (56 percent); 143-for-173 serving (87 percent) with 15 aces.

• Hilary Cohen: 3-for-3 hitting with one kill; 34-for-37 serving (92 percent) with one ace.

The team finished with 432 kills and put 88 percent of its hits in play, while AHS had 186 service aces and 90 percent accuracy with its serves.

CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Tim Galebach continued his outstanding season by finishing third in the Division 1 boys race at the annual Eastern Mass. Class Championships recently at Franklin Park in Boston.

That effort came on the heels of his victory in the State Coaches Division 1 boys junior/senior race on the same course a week earlier.

Galebach also put together an undefeated dual- and tri-meet season

in the Merrimack Valley Conference, beating all challengers while winning six straight races.

He then placed second to Central Catholic's Chris Grange at the MVC Championship Meet held at Chelmsford prior to the State Coaches and Eastern Mass. events.

Galebach and AHS junior Laura O'Connell, who placed 14th in the EMass. Division 1 girls race, both qualified to compete as individuals at the season-ending All-State Championship Meet this Saturday at the Tufts Medical Center course in Grafton.

MVC All-Stars

Tim Galebach has been named Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 Male Runner of the Year.

Galebach is the only AHS boy on the All-Conference team, while on the girls side Laura O'Connell, senior Sheena Patel and senior Emily Pfeil have been selected All-Conference.

Lady Warriors named to the Division 1 All-Star Team are sophomores Julia Kwolyk and Lauren Woo.

Andover boys picked for the Division 2 All-Star Team are senior Brendan Ahern and sophomore Phil Shaw.

EMass. Division 1 Meet

Competing in less than ideal conditions (soaking rain), Galebach covered the 5,000 meter (3.1 miles) course in 16 minutes, 37.2 seconds to trail only winner Todd Glew of St. John's Prep in Danvers (16:16.4) and Central Catholic's Chris Grange (16:34.3) in a

field of 204 runners.

Sophomore Phil Shaw was 58th across the line in 18:04.8, while other scorers for the Andover boys were senior Capt. Brendan Ahern (72nd, 18:12.8), freshman Jason Durant (107th, 18:46.5) and sophomore Andy Pfeil (125th, 19:06.5).

Senior Mike Ring (145th, 19:36.1) and senior Bob Filbin (174th, 20:23.7) also competed for AHS.

Andover finished 13th in a field of 29 teams with 354 points. St. John's Prep won the title with 46 points.

On the girls side, Laura O'Connell was 14th in a 181-runner field with a time of 21 minutes, 14.3 seconds over the same 5,000-meter course.

Senior Capt. Emily Pfeil placed 26th (21:50.4), while other scorers for the Lady Warriors were senior Sheena Patel (59th, 22:42.1), sophomore Julia Kwolyk (66th, 22:52.0) and sophomore Lauren Woo (78th, 23:05.5).

Also competing for AHS were sophomore Bristol Konjoian (82nd, 23:19.8) and senior Caitlin Woo (96th, 23:50.9).

The top five teams qualify for the All-State Meet, and the Lady Warriors barely missed out by finishing sixth in a 27-school field with 243 points.

Lexington edged Barnstable, 69-74, for the Division 1 girls team title.

State Coaches Meet

Tim Galebach's time of 16 minutes, three seconds was good enough to edge out second-place finisher Pat

Morasse of Lowell by four seconds (16:07) in the Division 1 boys junior/senior race.

"I was surprised that he (Morasse) hung with me," Galebach told several reporters after the State Coaches race. "I looked around and there he was. I said, 'Hey, Pat, what are you doing here?'"

"I was happy for him that he ran so well. It was a good duel. It was fun."

Morasse, who suffers from acute asthma but still runs effectively, also finished second to Galebach by a wider margin when the Andover runner set a course record at Lowell's Shedd Park in the opening dual meet of the season two months ago.

Galebach wasn't the only AHS harrier doing well at Franklin Park.

In the Division 1 girls junior/senior 3.1-mile race, Laura O'Connell placed 15th in 20 minutes, 42 seconds and Emily Pfeil was 26th in 21:04.

Julia Kwolyk placed 31st in the Division 1 sophomore race (22:17), while Lauren Woo finished 39th in 22:30 and Bristol Konjoian 47th in 22:51.

Megan Lewis was 38th in the two-mile Division 1 freshman race (13:42).

On the boys side, Phil Shaw was 29th in the Division 1 sophomore race (17:58) and Andy Pfeil placed 41st in 18:08.

Jason Durant finished an impressive 8th in the Division 1 freshman race (10:49). Matt Fabiani was 19th in 11:04 and Ryan Durkin 23rd in 11:09.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Andover High girls varsity soccer team gave it every ounce of energy, but came up just short in a frustrating 1-0 triple-overtime loss to Newton North in their Division 1 North semifinal game at Woburn High's Connolly Stadium.

The rivals battled intensely through 80 scoreless minutes of regulation and two 10-minute sudden-death overtime periods.

That brought it down to a tiebreaker shootout, where three players from each side alternate 1-on-1 rushes against the opposing goal keeper from the 35 yard line.

Defending state champ North's second shooter, Jess Pfeifer, scored the game's only goal while the three AHS shooters missed once and had two other attempts disallowed by the officials.

The Lady Warriors, also ousted from last year's tourney by Newton North in a much less-competitive 4-0 game, were Merrimack Valley Conference titlists for the 11th time in 16 years this fall and finished the season 15-4-3 overall.

The heartbreaking loss to Newton North followed earlier tournament triumphs over MVC rival Methuen (4-1) and No. 3 seed Waltham (6-1).

Awards banquet

The annual Andover Soccer Boosters Association banquet for the girls and boys varsity, JV and freshman teams will be held Wednesday.

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ROUNDUP

Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. at the Andover Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Andover Marriott) on Olde River Road.

Coaches of the respective teams will hand out several major awards and may also announce next year's captains.

Scoring leaders

Katie Kramer finished as the top scorer with 23 goals, 12 assists and 35 points in 22 games. Lisa Tisbert added 21 goals, 11 assists and Jenny Muller 15 goals, nine assists.

MIAA TOURNAMENT

NORTH SEMIFINAL

Newton North 1

Andover 0 (3ot)

After 100 minutes of pressure-packed scoreless soccer, the two teams squared off in the shootout.

Andover keeper Kaitlin Hyde, who played the second half and throughout the overtime periods, stopped the first North shooter.

> Hyde also got in front of the sec-

ond Tigers' shot by Pfeifer, but the ball rolled over her body and barely crossed into the net before she was able to retrieve it.

Newton keeper Annie Helm was not required to make a save in the shootout.

The attempts of first and third shooters Jenny Muller (15 goals) and Katie Kramer (23 goals) were disallowed by the officials.

"They said our girls moved the ball too far to the side of the keeper to get past her," said AHS coach Dick Loschi.

"Under the shootout rules instituted by the MIAA, when you make a fake and kick the ball to the side you're supposed to keep it within 'playing distance' from your body," explained Loschi.

The sticking point is how far is 'playing distance?' It's a judgment call and the typical answer from officials varies from 'five feet to two running strides.'

"In her (official's) eyes both Jenny and Katie kicked the ball too far from their body — supposedly losing control of it," said Loschi. "So she blew the whistle before Kramer could take a shot. Game over."

The Lady Warriors' second shoot-

er, 21-goal scorer Lisa Tisbert, had Helm beaten but lofted the ball over the crossbar.

North's third shooter could have made things academic by scoring — but her shot sailed wide of the net.

If Muller or Kramer had been allowed to go through with their shots, the evenly-matched teams might still be playing.

"Both teams played 100 minutes of very, very hard soccer," said Loschi. "We were able to neutralize their big scorers."

Unfortunately for AHS, to its credit North also shut down Kramer, Tisbert and Muller.

Andover finished with only two shots on net the entire game, including overtime, while Newton North (17-0-4) was limited to four shots in regulation and the two sudden-death overtimes.

Taylor Traub played the first half in the AHS net and made two saves, while Hyde finished up and also made two stops.

"No one on their team — and they have several high scorers — came close to putting the ball in the net until overtime," said Loschi.

"Every player we had on the field

gave 110 percent effort. Lisa Tylus and Jen Annese were immense on defense."

Although Newton had the territorial edge for much of the game, and consistently moved the ball with crispness and accuracy, Andover produced the best threat in regulation when Kramer sent a crossing pass in front to Tisbert.

"Tiz had an open corner but caught up to the ball just a split-second too late to control it and get off a shot," said Loschi.

"Kramer was double- and triple-teamed all night and it was difficult to create good opportunities."

In the first 10-minute overtime, North had a chance during a scrum in front of the Andover net. The Lady Warriors were able to clear the ball out of danger before the Tigers got a foot on it.

Loschi, whose team will graduate five talented seniors, was very pleased with the season.

"Getting this far in the tournament was a great plus for these girls," said the coach. "When the season started we were concerned what the team would look like."

"The seniors led the way and made it possible for the underclassmen to grow and mature as soccer players."

"There was also a lot of friendship and camaraderie among the players," added Loschi. "I'll take this team any day. It was a fun group to coach."

The seniors playing their final high school soccer game were Capt. Tisbert and Diana Petersen, midfielder Tina Baraby, goalkeeper Traub and defender Annese.

BOYS SOCCER

The five-day delay in starting the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament affected Andover, which was forced to play high-powered No. 2 seed Beverly just 24 hours after knocking MVC rival Billerica out of the tournament.

The Golden Warriors could have

used a day's rest between games before facing the Panthers, who drew a first-day bye and as host team did not have to travel.

"Two games in two days took its toll," said AHS coach Dave Amundsen. "It was especially tough on our defenders because Beverly is a very athletic and physical team."

"We were right in the game until the final 10 minutes — only down one goal. Their third goal was the killer."

It was also the caper to the 3-1 Beverly win at Hurd Stadium that brought the AHS season to a close.

The Golden Warriors opened the tournament with a 4-1 cruise past Billerica, snapping a four-game losing streak at the end of the regular season.

Andover finished at 9-9-2 overall.

Awards banquet

The annual Andover Soccer Boosters Association banquet for the boys and girls varsity, JV and freshman teams will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. at the Andover Wyndham Hotel (formerly the Andover Marriott) on Olde River Road.

Coaches of the respective teams will hand out several major awards and may also announce next year's captains.

Scoring leaders

Paul Davison finished with 13 goals, five assists and Matt Bengston nine goals, nine assists as team scoring leaders with 18 points each. Josh Gagnon was a point behind with 12 goals, five assists.

MIAA TOURNAMENT

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Andover 4

Billerica 1

Showing little rust from a 13-day layoff, the host Golden Warriors built a comfortable 3-0 halftime lead and cruised to the victory at Lovely Field.

The Indians (7-10-1), beaten 4-0 by Andover in their only regular season meeting, averted the shutout with a goal in the final minute of play.

Last 4 games give Warriors hope for Thanksgiving Day

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity football team could put an impressive exclamation point at the end of its 2000 season with a victory over Central Catholic in their annual Thanksgiving Day finale next Thursday morning at Love Field.

One month ago even the staunchest Golden Warriors' supporter would not have given the locals much chance against Central.

But, after losing their first five games against a string of tough opponents, head coach Ken Maglio's young team hit its stride and has registered a 2-1-1 record over the past four games.

The defense has tightened considerably, yielding only 12 points over the recent stretch, and the offense has improved behind the strong running of top scorer Chris Callison and Bruce Brown.

Central will definitely not be a pushover, as the Red Raiders enter with a 7-2 overall record and 6-1 mark for

second place in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The Raiders' hopes for a conference title and Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl berth on Dec. 2 were shattered in a 16-14 loss to Chelmsford two weeks ago.

Central outplayed the Lions everywhere but on the scoreboard, and when undefeated Chelmsford won that game and then belted Dracut 34-12 last weekend the Lions nailed down the title and Bowl bid.

Central's 1-2 offensive punch consists of running backs Darren Shaw and Aaron LaCharite.

Shaw leads the team in scoring with 74 points and he has almost 800 yards rushing. LaCharite, who scored three touchdowns and 20 total points in a 28-12 win over Methuen last weekend, has 58 points.

Quarterback Adam Muzerall has tossed eight touchdown passes, four to Paul Cutoli, and placekicker Sean Landers is a weapon with two field goals and 17 PAT kicks.

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Last 4 games give Warriors hope for Thanksgiving Day

The Raiders' last loss was 17-10 to non-league St. John's Prep in the season opener, and six of Central's seven wins have been by margins of two, four, four, four, four, and four.

Central beat Andover 30-10 last fall and the Raiders have won three straight, eight of the last nine and 11 of the last 13 Thanksgiving Day games against Andover.

The Golden Warriors' most recent win was 30-10 in 1999 with quarterback Brian Fishert, running back Ryan Games and a solid defensive effort leading the way.

Andover, now 2-4-1 overall, will be coming off a 7-7 tie with Haverhill in its most recent game, at Haverhill Stadium.

The teams traded first half touchdowns. Jason White scoring his first of the season for the locals and then battling through a scoreless second half.

Haverhill had not played in two weeks because of a whooping cough outbreak at the school.

Chris Callison set up the lone AHS score in the first period, turning a short pass from QB Brendan Smith into a 62 yard gain after a Haverhill defender slipped and fell on the

soggy turf.

The swift Callison was eventually tripped up at the three, but two plays later six-foot, 200-pound sophomore White hammered across from the one yard line.

Placekicker Adam Martel booted his ninth conversion of the season for a quick 7-0 lead.

Haverhill played ball control for much of the remainder of the first half, putting together a long sustained drive that ended in a two yard dive by work horse Pat Gobbi with just over one minute left in the half. Billy Mottram's kick evened the score at 7

Quarterback Jeff Molesso also had several key gains during the march.

The Hillies had the only serious scoring threats of the second half, but surrendered the ball on downs inside the Andover 25 yard line twice.

The spirited AHS defense was led, once again, by veteran nose guard Andy Gallagher, who was in Molesso's face all afternoon, 210-pound senior linebacker Kyle Miller and swarming junior backer Sean Smith.

AHS finished with four sacks and five quarterback hurries.

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ANDOVER 7, HAVERHILL 7 at Haverhill Stadium

Andover	7	0	0	0	—	7
Haverhill	0	7	0	0	—	7

A: Jason White 1 run (Adam Martel kick)
H: Pat Gobbi 2 run (Billy Mottram kick)

Team Statistics

First Downs: Andover 7, Haverhill 10
Rushes/Yards: Andover 27-41, Haverhill 45-106
Passing: Andover 5-16-0 99 yards, Haverhill 3-11-1 58 yards
Total Yards: Andover 140, Haverhill 164
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 52, Haverhill 62
Records: Andover 2-6-1, Haverhill 2-6-1

Individual Statistics

Rushing: A: Chris Callison 6-22; Shahrar Ghanchi 7-17; Bruce Brown 5-13; Jason White 4-8; Brendan Carr 1-5; Brendan Smith 4-1-11; Andy Yurko 1-1-13; H: Pat Gobbi 33-88, Jeff Molesso 12-18
Passing: A: Brendan Smith 5-16-0, 99 yards; H: Jeff Molesso 3-11-1 58 yards
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Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Through the 20th Century, a Life in Photography, through Dec. 1, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., wheelchair accessible, \$3, \$2 seniors, members, students and children free, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, (781) 729-1158

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly, (978) 921-4242

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 624-8321

Town Manager's Offices, artwork on display by Phoebe Kwass, through Dec. 1, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., 624-8300

Whistler House Museum of Art, Ships at Sea: Paintings from the Permanent Collection, Aldro T. Hubbard: From Vermont to Rockport, Mass; and Pasture Views: New England Landscapes, through December, **Remember the Ladies**, through Nov. 4, **Works of Monique Sakellarios**, opens Nov. 9 through Dec. 30, with opening reception on Nov. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, 452-7641

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Peru: from Village to Empire, through July, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St., 749-4490

Peabody Essex Museum, Frank W. Benson: American Impressionist, through Feb. 18, 2001, **Tell Tale Signs: Symbols of Life and Leisure in Japan and Odyssey: A Journey into World Art**, through Nov. 12; **Odyssey: A Journey into World Art**, through 2001; **The Real Witchcraft Papers**, ongoing; **The Salton stall Family Portraits**, ongoing; **A Folk Art Sampler**, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students; free for children under 16, (978) 745-9600

The Saltbox Gallery, works by 19 local artists from the North Shore, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield, (978) 887-8844

Churchill Gallery, new works of landscapes and still lifes by Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary and Elizabeth Mauser Leary, Nov. 4-19, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, (978) 462-9891

Mingo Gallery, Spirit of Place, the photographs of Janice Fullman, Beth Shipley, Jeanne Westra, through Dec. 1, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly, (978) 927-5964

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, (978) 463-8883

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington

Theatre

Forever Broadway, through Nov. 26, Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., doors open 6:30 p.m., \$29.95, Sunday, 12:30 p.m., \$26.95, Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown, (978) 352-7300

Holiday Magic, Dec. 1-17, every Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., \$29.95, Sunday, 12:30 p.m., \$26.95, Giordano's Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown, (978) 352-7300

My Fair Lady, through Dec. 3, dinner shows Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m., Sunday, 4 p.m., show only, \$15, dinner-show prices vary, reservations required, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury, (978) 388-9444

Private Eyes, Nov. 17, 18, 24, 24, 8 p.m., \$13; matinee on Nov. 19, \$11, The Concord Players, 51 Walden St., Concord, (978) 369-2990, <www.concordplayers.org>

A Walk in the Woods, through Nov. 19, Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2, 7 p.m., Thursday matinee, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, (978) 454-6324 or <mrtlowell@aol.com>

Meetings/Activities
Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford, (978) 251-3329 or (978) 448-5002

Alateen, ages 12 and over, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover

Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton, (978) 256-9391 or (978) 448-5002

Al-Anon 12 step meeting, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. William's Church, Route 38, Tewksbury, (978) 256-9391

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Mondays, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Branton 687-8225

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, offers outdoor recreational tennis at Phillips Academy, 682-2291 or 474-0963, <www.egrow.com> atec

BNI Business Network International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna (978) 640-8919, or Steve (978) 975-1328

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; J. J. Zamierowski (603) 382-0123

Drum and dance, rhythm instruction, third Friday of month, 7:30 p.m., free-form drumming and dancing, 8 p.m., some percussion instruments available for sharing or bring own, Unitarian Congregation, 6 Locke St.; 470-1134

Embroiders Guild of America, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown (508) 877-1827



Gifts of the Holiday exhibition — *The Last Resort* by Robert Farris is one of the works represented by the Saltbox Gallery this weekend at the Topsfield Fairgrounds in Topsfield. Call (978) 887-3844.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage (781) 329-1741

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; (978) 658-4022 or 658-3490

Learning in Retirement Association (LIRA), an organization for retirees and semiretired, meets every Monday during spring semester for seminars in world religions and world politics of the future, every Tuesday for seminars in art appreciation and every Thursday for seminars in foreign policy and science and technology, UMass-Lowell, Fox Hall, North Campus; (978) 934-3135

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610

Memorial Hall Library, book discussion every fourth Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Activity Room, Elm Square; Nan Stevens 683-7377

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 623-8321

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116

The Merrimacks Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m., Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover; Roger Dumont (603) 894-6883 or Liz Anderson 474-9283

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Elizabeth Brown (508) 877-1827

Merrimack Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines, rehearsals Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, Route 62, Reading; (978) 851-7764

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori (978) 794-1973

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving parents and children, offers

playspace for children under 5 Tuesday and Friday 9:30-11 a.m. when school is in session, babysitting cooperative, new mother coffee, book discussion group, rhyme time Fridays at 11 a.m., \$25 one year; 470-1500

Newburyport Choral Society rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; (978) 462-0650

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 465-2215

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Dawn Kraskey 749-9558; or Beth Friedberg 794-7660

New Beginnings, interfaith singles support group, directed by Camille Gianaris, MDiv., of Andover, Wednesdays, Christ Church United in Lowell, 1 Bartlett St., Lowell; (978) 459-9631

North Reading Community Chorale invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; (978) 664-3594

North Regional Theatre Workshop, forming adult choral group to sing show tunes and classic popular songs, Wilmington High School Auditorium, Route 62, Wilmington; 681-0355

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, welcomes women over 18, rehearsals every Monday at 7:30-10 p.m. at Broadway Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732 or Becky Christie (978) 745-8340

North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, rehearses every Monday in the late afternoon/early evening, at Ipswich High School, includes musicians ages 7-18 who perform with either the Youth Symphony intermezzo or prelude string sections of the orchestra; Trudy Larson 685-7844 (audition)

Pre-Alateen, for ages 6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655

Renew, bereavement support group of the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, (978) 459-9343, Ext. 783

Sacred Choral Artists, performs sacred music throughout the ages, Mondays, 7 p.m., Haverhill; Susan Robinson (781) 665-9254 or <SRobinson4@aol.com>

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

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tion takes place on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scavenger hunts, period games, and music are planned.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, the silent auction closes and winners will be announced between 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Mother Connection's 'Fun Fair' features entertainer

Celebrate the Mother Connection's "Fun Fair" with the master of musical antics and mad-cap shenanigans, Kevin Devine.

Devine will perform two shows at the fair Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10 and 11:30 a.m. at South School.



Kevin Devine

Tickets, to benefit the Mother Connection, are \$5 at the door. For more information, call Sheila Graham at 470-1500.

Devine, the winner of the Boston Parents' Paper's Entertainer of the Year award, is a popular children's entertainer and recording artist who has been delighting audiences for 11 years, organizers said. "His shows are full of upbeat original songs, old favorites, songs from many cultures and lands, zany hats, gags and visual humor."

Devine is a recording artist and songwriter for network and

PBS television shows, including *Barney and Friends*, stage productions and other performers. He is a board member of the Children's Entertainment Association, an international trade group devoted to promoting quality children's entertainment.

Andover Garden Club visits nursing home

The Andover Garden Club made a visit recently to the Mary Immaculate (MI) Nursing and Restorative Center in Lawrence. The Garden Club is conducting a six-month program during which they visit MI monthly.

The theme of the visit was floral design with award-winning Claire Syiek as the guest designer. Syiek gave MI residents a hands-on lesson in the art of floral designing, creating several designs which were presented to the residents at the conclusion of her demonstration.

Marland Place hosting holiday food drive

Marland Place will host a holiday food drive to benefit "Neighbors in Need" food pantry in Lawrence.

In addition, Marland Place, located at 15 Stevens St., is also the drop-off center for the annual Toys for Tots program, hosted by the US Marine Corps.

Andover residents are encouraged to drop off unwrapped new toys and non-perishable food items at Marland Place.

For more information, call 475-4225.

LEGAL NOTICE

The annual Federal Tax Return (Form 990-PF) of The Andover Home For Aged People for the year ended September 30, 2000 is available for inspection at the address given below. It may be examined during the hours of 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. weekdays by any citizen who so requests within 180 days of December 1, 2000. The principal officer is Thomas J. Urbels, President.

BY: John R. Petty,
Treasurer
10 Talbot Rd.
Andover, MA 01810
475-0223
November 16, 2000

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING



TOWN OF ANDOVER BOARD OF HEALTH

A public hearing will be held by the Andover Board of Health in the Second Floor Conference Room, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, November 20, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81U, Subdivision Control law for the purpose of reviewing the proposed subdivision Definitive Plan entitled: "CASSIMERE STREET EXTENSION" revision dated September 27, 2000, located off Cassimere Street, Andover, MA, as filed on October 26, 2000 by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership, c/o Devine, Millimet & Branch, 12 Essex Street, Andover, MA 01810.

BY: Douglas Dunbar,
Chairman
Andover Board of Health
November 16, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at 9:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the application made by O'Brien Homes, Inc. for a Special Permit for Earth Movement for a proposed 5 lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Cassimere Street Extension" on property owned by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership located northeasterly of the existing cul-de-sac along Cassimere Street, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 37, Parcel 23a.. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
November 9 & 16, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 20, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, third floor, Town Offices, Bartlet Street, for the purpose of classification and taxation of all property within the Town. Any interested taxpayer is invited to present oral or written comments.

Brian P. Major,
Chairman
ANDOVER BOARD
OF SELECTMEN
November 16, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2380-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH T. BISSET otherwise known as ELIZABETH E. THOMPSON and EDITH ELIZABETH BISSET

To all persons interested in the estate ELIZABETH T. BISSET otherwise known as ELIZABETH E. THOMPSON and EDITH ELIZABETH BISSET late of Lake Placid in the State of Florida, having estate in Andover, Essex County. Date of Death June 5, 1999

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that certain instruments be probated purporting to be the last will and codicil of said deceased by WILLIAM T. BISSET of Los Angeles in the State of California praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving sureties on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON December 4, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 2, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
November 16, 2000

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at 9:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on the application made by O'Brien Homes, Inc. for a Special Permit for Earth Movement for a proposed 5 lot Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Cassimere Street Extension" on property owned by Wood Ayer Limited Partnership located northeasterly of the existing cul-de-sac along Cassimere Street, more specifically identified as Assessors' Map 37, Parcel 23a.. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
November 9 & 16, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 00P2722-EP1 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF ELLA A. CEDERBERG

To all persons interested in the estate ELLA A. CEDERBERG late of the County of Essex, Date of death, August 16, 2000

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will of said deceased by DOROTHY DALY MARSHALL of Reading in the County of Middlesex praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON December 11, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date November 8, 2000

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
November 16, 2000

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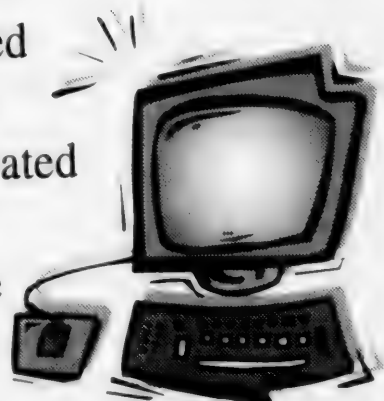
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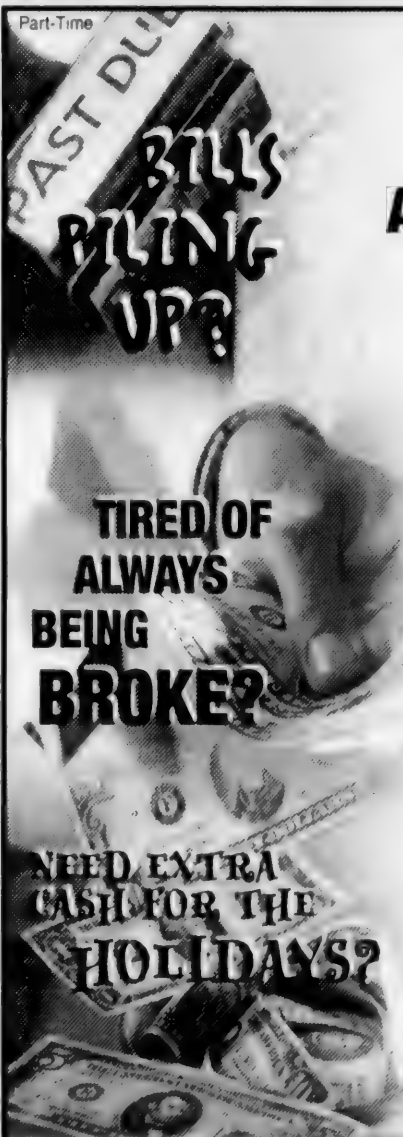
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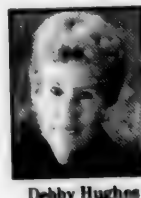
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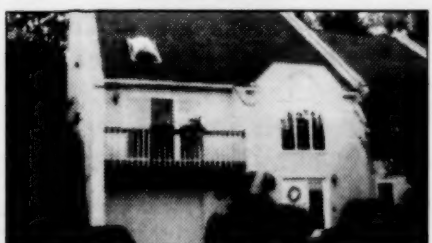
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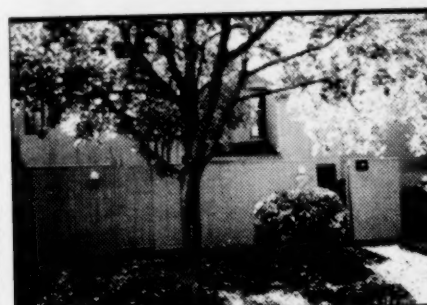


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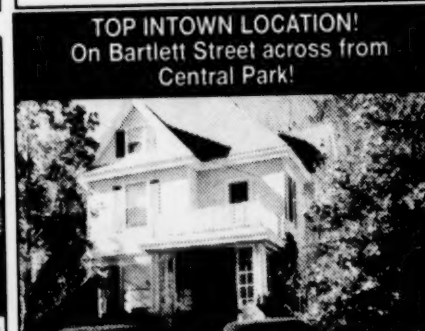
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 7+ rooms - 3 bedrooms - 1.5 baths
 enclosed breezeway - private rear yard
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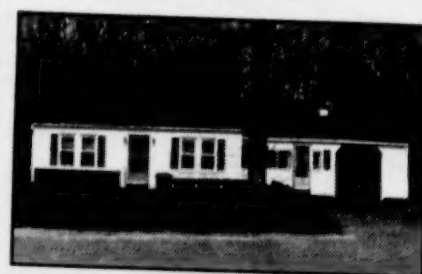

ANDOVER, VIRTUAL TOUR #053
Enjoy country living in Colonial on acre
 2 car detached garage has room w/sliders
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 new white kitchen - 2 new baths - 3 lg BR
 light & bright - HW - new carp - immed occupancy
 VRM #38 Seller to consider offers in range \$339K - \$398,876
 Another listing by The Moody Team x251 \$355,000



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In-town neighborhood - beautiful wooded lot
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 eat-in kitchen - cozy pine den
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 Another listing by Chris Doherty x230 \$379,900
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ANDOVER, VIRTUAL TOUR #055!
3400+ SF - lovely acre lot - inground pool
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 formal dining room - eat-in kitchen - \$639,900
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 heated breezeway - pretty setting
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